

## FRONTIER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Members of the Frontier Staff, Parents & Community:

Yesterday, we had a very successful experience in returning the Pre-K-5 elementary students back to their classrooms. Upon their arrival, the children were very excited to be reunited with their classmates and very happy to be back with their teachers in school.

Thank you to all involved, from the parents who drove their children to school, to teachers, administrators and office personnel that planned and reorganized to make this happen, to the maintenance staff that prepared the rooms, the school lunch staff that feed our children nutritious meals, and the bus drivers and office personnel that make sure our children arrive safely to and from school. You all made this happen and the Board of Education is grateful for your efforts.

In a meeting with Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, and Dr. Gale Burstein, Erie County Commissioner of Health, the Superintendents were reminded that it remains a number one priority to control the spread of the COVID virus. Please protect all of our children by:

- Keeping your child home if they are not feeling well.
- Talk to your children about wearing a mask.
- Explain the necessity of your children washing their hands.
- Assist us as we enforce seating charts on the school bus and in the classrooms.

Seating charts and wearing of masks will be very valuable in contact tracing should a positive COVID case occur. ECDOH will contact trace using a 6 ft. 10 minute rule, if the district has these two safety measures in place. If not, ECDOH may determine that the spread is greater than 6 ft. and an entire bus or classroom may be quarantined.

In the meeting, we also learned that ECDOH has scheduled "Teen Vaccine" clinics for high school students 16 and older and their families on May 1, 2021. The Pfizer vaccine will be available for teens ages 16 and 17. The Moderna vaccine will be available for anyone age 18 or older. The decision for students to have the vaccine administered needs to be made within individual families.

The actual vaccine sites and links for scheduling an appointment are listed below. For more information regarding these sites search: ECDOH teen vaccination clinic.

ECC North: 6205 Main St., Williamsville, NY 14221 Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Pfizer (Limited to 16 & 17 years of age) Moderna (18 years or age and older)

ECC South: 4041 Southwestern Blvd., Orchard Park, NY 14127 Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Pfizer (Limited to 16 & 17 years of age)
Moderna (18 years of age and older)

McKinley High School: 1500 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, NY 14207 Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Pfizer (Limited to 16 & 17 years of age) Moderna (18 years of age and older)

Parental consent forms for 16 and 17 – year olds will be available before May 1<sup>st</sup> electronically and on-site at ECDOH Clinics. The ECDOH will likely schedule additional POD clinics for teens in the future.

Working Together, we will return all our children safely to their classrooms.

Sincerely,

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