



Colleagues,

Good afternoon! Sharing a few things...

VACCINE:

- The district has notified those age 60-64 about this week's vaccination clinic to be held on Saturday, February 27th at the Creighton/Rasmussen Fitness Center. If you have a vaccine appointment, be prepared to show your school ID at the clinic.
- Registration for vaccine clinics is a two-step process: You must answer the survey before getting a link to register. Please do not share this link with others as it slows the registration process for all employees. Only those age 60-64 are eligible for this week's vaccine.
- Employees who are age 65+ may register for a vaccine appointment through Douglas County Health at:

<https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/109-covid-19/808-covid-19-community-vaccination-clinics>

- Employees who are veterans are encouraged to contact the Veterans Administration about vaccine availability. More information can be found here:

https://www.nebraska.va.gov/services/COVID_19_Vaccine_Information.asp

When will I receive my vaccine?

- All staff members have been placed in to two different tiers. Tier one includes those who are with students daily (teachers, school based administrators, nurses, paras, kitchen staff, bus drivers and custodial staff). Tier two includes those who are not with students on a regular basis (operations or TAC staff who are NOT in the buildings).
- All metro districts are following the same distribution method: staff are placed in one of two tiers, then notified by age, moving from oldest to youngest. The district has notified the first round of staff. You will receive an email with a survey when your age group is eligible. Once you complete the survey, you will receive a link to register for an appointment. This link should not be shared with others, as it is specific to you.
- Douglas County Health notifies the district weekly of the number of available vaccines. Once notified, OPS will notify eligible staff via email. In the event you are not interested in this opportunity, you will go to the back of the line and once ALL staff are vaccinated, you will be offered a vaccine again. Vaccines are not mandatory but be aware that any COVID related public health leave offered by the district may no longer be an option.

This process may take some time. OEA has been in constant contact with the district and we will keep you updated on any changes.

RETIREMENT:

Many factors to consider when retirement is the topic. Here are few suggestions for you to assist in your determination on retirement.

- OEA is hosting two seminars March 3 at 4:00pm and March 15 at 7pm contact the office to register. A link and materials will be sent to you prior to the session.
- Blue Cross/Blue Shield are offering sessions on February 26 and March 4. Watch the BC/BS webinar <https://www.ehaplan.org/retiree-info>
- You must identify how you want your Health Insurance pay out by MAY 1.
- If you have an FSA, you must use it or lose it by the last day. Plan ahead!

OEA GENERAL ELECTION:

- The election window is OPEN and will close on Monday, March 1st at 5:00. Elementary and those identified as Program received ONE ballot. MIDDLE and SENIOR level should have received TWO separate links to vote. If you did not receive the links, please let the OEA office know at 402-346-0400.

Be Well,

Robert
OEA President

