



April 21, 2021

Minnewaska Students and Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification that Minnewaska Area Schools is collaborating with Horizon Public Health and Glacial Ridge Health System to **offer a voluntary vaccination program for students 16 and older who attend Minnewaska Area High School and WIN Academy.**

**With written parental permission**, the first dose of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will be given to **Minnewaska Area students on 4/30/21** if the family has filled out the vaccination consent and the link shown below registering the student(s) for the vaccination. **To clarify, you must register your child(ren) by 1:00 pm on 4/27/21 for the child(ren) to be vaccinated on 4/30/21.** The second dose will be given on 5/21/21.

If you would like to register your child(ren) in this vaccination program, please review the attachments to this letter for specific information in regards to safety, effectiveness and possible side effects. If you have any other questions, please call Glacial Ridge Health System's COVID-19 Hotline at 320-334-5481 to speak to a nurse.

**This program is completely voluntary. If you decide to have your child participate, please:**

1. Discuss with your child the benefits and risks of getting vaccinated. *(Information found in link.)*
2. Be aware of eligibility requirements. To be eligible to participate in this vaccination program, your child must be 16 or older and currently enrolled in Minnewaska Area Schools or WIN Academy.
3. Use this link to register your child by 1:00 pm on April 27, 2021 <https://glacialridge.org/covid-19-vaccination-request/>. There are specific times for WIN Academy Students to facilitate transportation to the High School Campus.
4. Complete the attached consent form *(found in the link)* and return it to the school by 1:00 pm on 4/27/21.
5. If your child has an insurance card, please send the card with your child to school the day the clinic is scheduled. If your child does not have an insurance card, the administration fee is waived.
6. Parents are welcome and encouraged to be present when your child is vaccinated. Glacial Ridge Health System will be administering the vaccine and will be monitoring the children during the required 15 minutes post vaccination observation with the assistance of Horizon Public Health.

Thank you for considering this opportunity and doing all you can to keep our communities safe. We also reach out to thank you for your ongoing support. It is genuinely appreciated.

Most Respectfully,

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