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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 12 and older.**

If you would like to register your child(ren) in this vaccination program, please review [CDC's guidance](#) as well as the link below 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 12 years of age or older.
3. Use this link to register your child <https://glacialridge.org/covid-19-vaccination-request/>.

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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