

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

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Dear SPF Community,

We recognize and respect that vaccinating children for COVID-19 is a parent's choice.

This communication is to share information regarding the district current practice around student vaccination.

As a reminder, all parents are required to screen their children on a daily basis as indicated on the [COVID-19 Daily Home Health Checklist/Screening & Attestation](#) form, which was acknowledged at the beginning of the year.

In response to the FDA recommendation and CDC approval for the use of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5-11 years old, the following protocols should be followed for daily screening purposes:

- If your child becomes symptomatic within **48 hours** of receiving the vaccine, those symptoms should not be counted toward the exclusion criteria and the student would not need COVID-19 testing to return to school.

(Vaccination documentation must be shared with the School Nurse for this exception to the daily screening)

- If the symptoms linger past the **48-hour timeframe or begin after 48 hours** from receiving the vaccine, they most likely are not related to the vaccine, and your child will need to be cleared, which will include COVID-19 testing to return to school.

- o The clearance requirements remain the same:

- § a negative COVID-19 PCR test or a rapid antigen test with an additional note of clearance, to return to school, from your medical provider. (ie, MD, DO, APN or PA only)

At this time, anyone that is fully vaccinated does not have to quarantine if exposed to a COVID-19 individual as a close contact, unless symptoms develop.

Vaccination records must be on file with the School Nurse.

Contact your School Nurse, and Medical Provider for further guidance.

Thank you.