

City of Racine, RUSD, and AMI Health: Partner to bring vaccine clinics to school events

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City of Racine - Today, Mayor Cory Mason and RUSD Superintendent Dr. Eric Gallien announced a partnership to help provide more equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine for students and families at upcoming school events with the support of AMI Health and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). AMI Health, which currently operates the vaccine clinic at Regency Mall through a contract with DHS, has been working with the City and other organizations to host pop-up vaccine clinics at businesses and events throughout the summer. Over the past few weeks, the City and RUSD teamed up to schedule clinics at school buildings in conjunction with upcoming back-to-school related events.

“Our goal is to make coming back to school as safe as possible for all City residents. In order to do that, we need to ensure that there is equitable access to the vaccine for all of RUSD’s eligible students and families. I am grateful to Dr. Gallien and his staff for thinking about their upcoming events and how those could incorporate vaccine clinics. I hope RUSD students, and their families will take advantage of these options so that we can ensure a great, and safe start to the school year,” **said Mayor Cory Mason.**

“Our focus in Racine Unified is on getting our students back into the classroom and ensuring they are able to be in-person with their teachers and peers for the entire school year,” **said Superintendent Dr. Eric Gallien.** “So, we are happy to partner with the City and AMI Health to provide opportunities for families to receive vaccines if they choose. We want to do our part in helping our students, families and community continue to move forward through this pandemic.”

As of this release, the following clinics have been scheduled at RUSD School buildings:

- Tuesday, August 17th from 9am-7pm at Horlick High School during schedule pick up hours
- Wednesday, August 18th from 9am-7pm at Horlick High School during schedule pick up hours
- Thursday, August 19th from 2:30-5:30pm at Mitchell K-8 School for the Stuff the Bus, back to school event
- Thursday, August 19th from 8am-11am at Park High School for the Park Relaunch, back to school event
- Saturday, August 28th from 9am-Noon at Gifford K8 School for a back to school clean up event
- Tuesday, August 31st from 5pm-7pm at Julian Thomas Elementary for Open House
- Tuesday, August 31st from 5pm-7pm at Knapp Elementary School for Open House
- Friday, September 3rd from 6:30pm-9pm at Case High School for the Case-Park Football Game
- Thursday, September 16th from 5:45pm-7:45pm at the REAL School for Open House

Addition clinics may be scheduled and will be posted on <https://rusd.org/about/back-school/vaccine-information>

School site clinics are open to RUSD families, students, staff, or those attending the scheduled school events. Students under the age of 18 will need a parent or legal guardian to fill in out a consent form in order to receive the vaccine. Consent forms are available at each clinic or can be filled out in advance and returned with the student at the time of vaccination. Consent forms can be found here: <https://rusd.org/about/back-school/vaccine-information>

Additionally, the City's Finance and Personnel Committee approved, and the full City of Racine Common Council will be asked to approve funding for vaccine incentives at their meeting on August 17. These incentives would mean each vaccine eligible student or family member who resides in the City of Racine who gets vaccinated at a school clinic would receive a \$50 gift card. Those who are already vaccinated but bring a friend or family member to get vaccinated will also receive a \$50 gift card. Gift cards are from major national retailers and credit card companies and would be

available on a first come, first served basis.

Community members should remember:

- Vaccinations are FREE
- You DO NOT need to show an ID or provide health insurance
- Bus rides are FREE to and from your vaccination site
- Anyone age 12 and above is eligible to get vaccinated
- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and the best way to protect yourself and your family from the virus

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccines, clinic locations, and other information, visit www.vaccinateracine.org