

Prepared for: Corvallis School Board Prepared by: Ryan Noss, Superintendent

Meeting Date: November 18, 2021

Education Update: Vaccination Progress Update NO ACTION REQUIRED

Background

At its October 14, 2021 meeting, the Corvallis School Board gave the Superintendent several directives relating to COVID-19 vaccinations. Following is the work done to-date as well as the next steps for the directives.

1. Conduct community engagement by gathering feedback and information on vaccine hesitancy among vulnerable populations with low vaccination rates.

Work To-Date

Benton County Health Department and Corvallis School District co-hosted a vaccine information event and resource fair at Linus Pauling Middle School on November 9, 2021, to reach out to families from Guatemala. Gabriel Ledger, MD, of Samaritan Health Services, was present to answer questions.

Next Steps

Staff will reach out to local faith-based communities to gather feedback and information on vaccine hesitancy among our vulnerable populations with low vaccination rates.

2. Engage with our vulnerable populations to create greater confidence in the vaccine and increase vaccination rates.

Work To-Date

A Vaccine Outreach Team, composed of District staff and community partners, meets every two weeks to review data and decide on outreach efforts. Lincoln and Garfield vaccine clinics were held on November 14 and 15 and resulted from this partnership. At each of the clinics, 100 pediatric and 25 booster shots were distributed based on the principles of health equity. Volunteers at these events were staff members from each school.

Next Steps

- Communicate with the broader CSD community to access pediatric vaccination through provider offices.
- Health Navigators and Family Liaisons will connect families with their providers when available.

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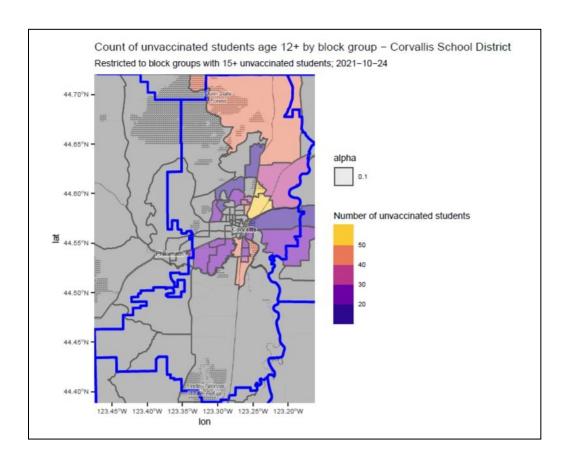
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3. Continue to provide updated data and information on COVID-19 vaccination rates among CSD students.

Work To-Date

The Benton County Epidemiologist provides District staff disaggregated and trend data approximately every two weeks to measure the impact of outreach efforts. Following are examples of the data the District has received.

The following map shows vaccination rates among Corvallis School District (CSD) students age 12 and older within the CSD boundary. The grayed-out block groups have fewer than 15 unvaccinated CSD students age 15 and older. The "alpha" parameter is an artifact of the mapping algorithm; it has no meaning related to vaccination. The purpose of this map is to provide the District with an up-to-date snapshot of high-priority areas in terms of outreach and access.

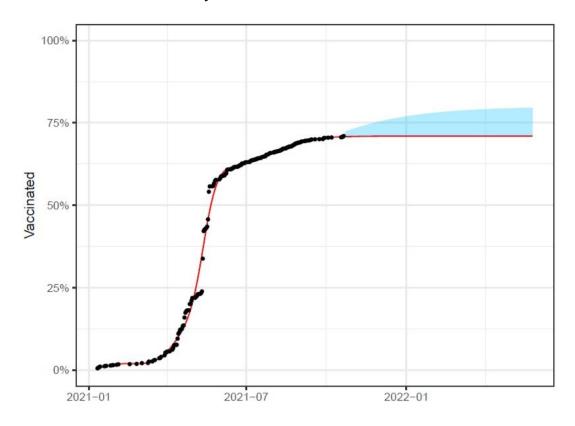


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The graph below depicts the forecast of the total CSD vaccination rate for ages 12 and above based on high school pathways. This graph shows modeled forecasts of vaccination rates among CSD students. The forecasts are shown by the red line. The blue band is an estimated range of possible vaccination rates moving forward, and the black dots are the actual vaccination rates on each day.



The following vaccination clinics have occurred with support from our community partners.

Vaccines		
Administered	Date	Location
88	9/30/2021	CVHS
141	10/20/2021	CHS
143	10/21/2021	CVHS
8	10/22/2021	College Hill
73	10/28/2021	Cheldelin*

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Next Steps

Updated data will be provided and reviewed every two weeks, continuing efforts to increase vaccination rates among our vulnerable populations.

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4. Report to the Board on planning and actions related to vaccination rate changes in our vulnerable populations.

Work To-Date

This is the first update to the Board. Staff will continue to provide updates in a similar format throughout the winter.

Next Steps

The Board will have the opportunity to ask staff questions on the progress made in the four areas of the Superintendent's update. No action will be taken at this meeting.