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Dear School Leaders,

We have a couple of quick updates and clarifications about this week’s vaccine process.

**State Site in Minneapolis**

The state site in Minneapolis will serve educators and school staff in the metro area, and those invited will be pulled from the waitlist generated in week two of the pilot program. Invitations will arrive Wednesday via email or text message. **Appointments will not be guaranteed.**

**New Vendor**

The state is partnering with a new vendor and those metro educators and school staff invited from the waitlist should look for a communication directly from them for vaccine appointments at the state site in Minneapolis. The information will come in an individualized link that will only work for them. **Receiving a link to sign up for an appointment does not guarantee one.**

Schools in the metro area should work with your IT staff to ensure that emails from hello@updates.vaulthealth.com are whitelisted and do not go to spam

**Pharmacy Partners in Greater Minnesota**

In ensuring continued access in Greater Minnesota for educators and child care staff, pharmacy partners in Brainerd, St. Cloud, and Rochester will serve the waitlist from state sites in week two of the pilot. As appointments become available, those on the waitlist will be **invited directly from the pharmacy partners. Appointments will not be guaranteed.**

The following pharmacy groups will be contacting staff who are selected for a vaccine:
• Brainerd: GuidePoint Pharmacy
• Rochester: GuidePoint Pharmacy or Cub Foods
• St. Cloud: Coborn's

Many school districts and charter schools outside of the Brainerd, Minneapolis, St. Cloud and Rochester areas will be served by their local public health agency and staff can be expected to be reached directly by local public health officials.

We have generated a new template email to help you update your staff on this information.

If you or your staff have questions about the vaccine pilot program you can direct them to educatorvaccine@state.mn.us.

Thank you for your continued partnership and patience,

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