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BCPS Employees 65 Years and Older to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine on Saturday, January 23

Must register by 9 a.m. Friday, January 22

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), in collaboration with Florida Department of Health – Broward, is providing the opportunity for District employees ages 65 and older to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

All eligible employees have received email communications from the District, including location details and a link to schedule an appointment. Eligible employees must **register by 9 a.m. Friday, January 22**.

Employees who complete the registration form, will need to present their government-issued identification and BCPS identification to receive the vaccine. **The vaccinations will take place on Saturday, January 23, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.** This opportunity is only for BCPS employees (no spouses or family members).

“We’re grateful to the Department of Health – Broward for partnering with our District to offer this opportunity to our older employees, as we continue to petition state and federal officials to recognize all teachers and school staff as essential employees who should be prioritized for vaccination,” said BCPS Superintendent Robert W. Runcie.

On January 13, Superintendent Runcie spoke at a national news conference with Chiefs for Change, a bipartisan network of state and district education leaders, appealing to the government for the immediate release of the COVID-19 vaccine supply and to make all school staff eligible for vaccination. Superintendent Runcie also sent a letter to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis advocating for the protection of teachers and educational staff against the virus, emphasizing they must be among the top priorities as more and more students are returning to face-to-face learning.

A copy of the letter to Governor DeSantis is attached.

The Chiefs for Change virtual press conference can be viewed through the link below. Superintendent Runcie’s remarks begin at the 11-minute timecode.

 [Chiefs for Change Zoom Call 1 13 21.mp4](#)

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