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Ellington Public Schools run successful vaccination clinics

**Strategic partnerships support
nearly 100% of staff offered a vaccine in the first week**

ELLINGTON, CT – The Ellington Public Schools offered its staff three vaccination clinics on March 4th and 5th. Nearly 100% of staff members were offered the opportunity to get a vaccine in the first week of eligibility.

In total, over 350 staff members received a vaccine over the two day period.

The Ellington Public Schools (EPS) worked with the North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) to hold consecutive clinics on Thursday and Friday at Ellington High School. An additional clinic for EPS staff was held in cooperation with the Town of Vernon at the Vernon Senior Center.

“The Ellington Board of Education is thrilled that so many of our staff were able to access the vaccine in less than one week of being eligible. Our strategic partnerships with Ellington’s First Selectman Lori Spielman and Emergency Services Director Joseph Palambizio, Vernon’s Town Manager Michael Purcaro and Director Patrice Sulik from the North Central District Health Department continue to enhance the collective health of our communities.”

- Jennifer Dzen, Chair Ellington Board of Education

The clinics were put together with short notice as the number of vaccines available increased at several points throughout the week, including as late as Thursday morning. EPS was able to

accomplish these vaccinations with no broad disruption to instructional time. EPS staff at each clinic received the Moderna vaccine, which will require a second dose in 28 days.

Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations, *“We’re excited that a critical mass of our staff will be vaccinated in such short order. We’ve operated safe schools all year and successfully kept students in school full-time since October, but this is truly an inflection point in our effort to ensure the continued safety of the Ellington community.”*

EPS thanks the numerous volunteers who made the vaccination clinics run as smoothly as possible, a few of whom are listed below.

Danielle Aldrich
Christy Ballasy
Kelly Hany
Andrea Maningas
Lynn Seypura
Stephanie Sprague
Lorin Madore

John Streiber
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Peter Hany
NCDHD Staff
Vernon Public Schools Staff

Additional smaller clinics will be held to ensure all staff that want the vaccine are able to get it over the next couple of weeks.

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