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Dear District & School Leadership,

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is excited to welcome all students, families, and staff back to a safe and healthy 2021-2022 school year!

This email and the linked documents contain important information about steps that school and district leaders are being asked to take to host COVID-19 vaccine clinics at your schools.

As is reflected in the [Fall 2021 Interim Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention](#), COVID vaccines are the most effective tool available to keep schools open and safe. To this end, DPH and CSDE are working together to make on-site vaccination clinics available at every school with age-eligible students in Connecticut during the months of August, September, and October. This initiative is part of a broader national effort being promoted by the White House (see [here](#)).

CSDE and DPH have collaborated on this Toolkit for Connecticut Schools, which provides important information about how school leaders can host effective COVID-19 vaccine clinics at their school sites.

We know that access to vaccines is most effectively provided when accompanied by thoughtful outreach that leverages the trusting relationships between school leaders, educators, and school communities and families. This toolkit serves to provide guidance in a number of these areas.

All school and district leaders are asked to complete the following three actions:

- **Review the toolkit contents.**
- **Plan a COVID-19 vaccine clinic** and communicate with students and families regarding plans and expectations.
- **[Complete the School COVID Vaccine Clinic Plan Form](#) by Wednesday, August 18** to indicate how you plan to participate in this statewide effort.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep your students and staff safe and healthy. Please contact DPH.Vax2School@ct.gov with questions.

Thank you.