

Subject: Keep Our Kids in School: Get Schools the Vaccine Today

Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

As a parent in the Oxford Area School District, I have seen firsthand the struggles of my child(ren) and the school community as a result of school closures.

[Insert personal testimonial/experiences. Describe how school closings and remote and hybrid learning are impacting your child(ren) and family, your ability to work, financial impact on your family, mental health stresses on your family, academic impact for your child(ren)].

Because of these reasons and more, I encourage you to give our educators access to the vaccine so that my child(ren), and all children, can excel the way they are meant to – in school, in person, five days per week.

Throughout the pandemic, we have come to know the term “essential worker” very well. School staff are a core part of that term. Each teacher, aide, administrator, and staff member are essential to our students, schools, and community. The Chester County Health Department (CCHD) has developed a plan to accelerate the vaccination of our educational community. Still, with limited and inconsistent access to large quantities of vaccine, the CCHD may need to delay plans to vaccinate school staff.

This is extremely upsetting. Our children have continuously been asked to be flexible and accommodating during a stressful time, even for adults. The burdens we have put on students to adapt to these new realities, from virtual learning to not seeing their friends’ smiles, need to be addressed. The first step is to prioritize returning to full-time, in-person learning, vaccinating our essential school employees.

[Add what your child(ren) are most looking forward to when they return to school full-time.]

Access to the COVID-19 vaccine for educators and educational staff is critical to our students returning to and regaining a sense of normalcy that they so deserve.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support.

Respectfully,

[Name]

Parent of a [2<sup>nd</sup> grader]

[Contact info]