

## BOARD BRIEF

Date: June 25, 2021

BOARD INFORMATION:   X  

MEETING PREPARATION:       

**FROM:** Julie A. Crawford, Ed.D., Chief of Student Services & Equity

**THROUGH:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Meagan Alderton, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** COVID-19 Vaccines

**ACPS 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:**

Goal 1: Systemic Alignment

Goal 5: Family and Community Engagement

**SY 2020-2021 FOCUS AREA:**

Focus Area 1: Reopening of School

**FY 2021 BUDGET PRIORITY:**

Increased Staff Retention

Improving Customer Relationship Services and Management

**SUMMARY:**

The Alexandria Health Department (AHD) has been a partner to ACPS for many years, and their support over the last 16 months has been indispensable. Through this collaboration, we have used our school buildings as COVID-19 vaccination sites since December 2020, which expedited ACPS staff and families receiving the vaccine. The total number of COVID-19 vaccination clinics held at an ACPS location is 65, allowing the administration of more than 45,000 doses at ACPS sites since late December. Recently, we have collaborated to hold Family Day Clinics for vaccinating ACPS families.

**BACKGROUND:**

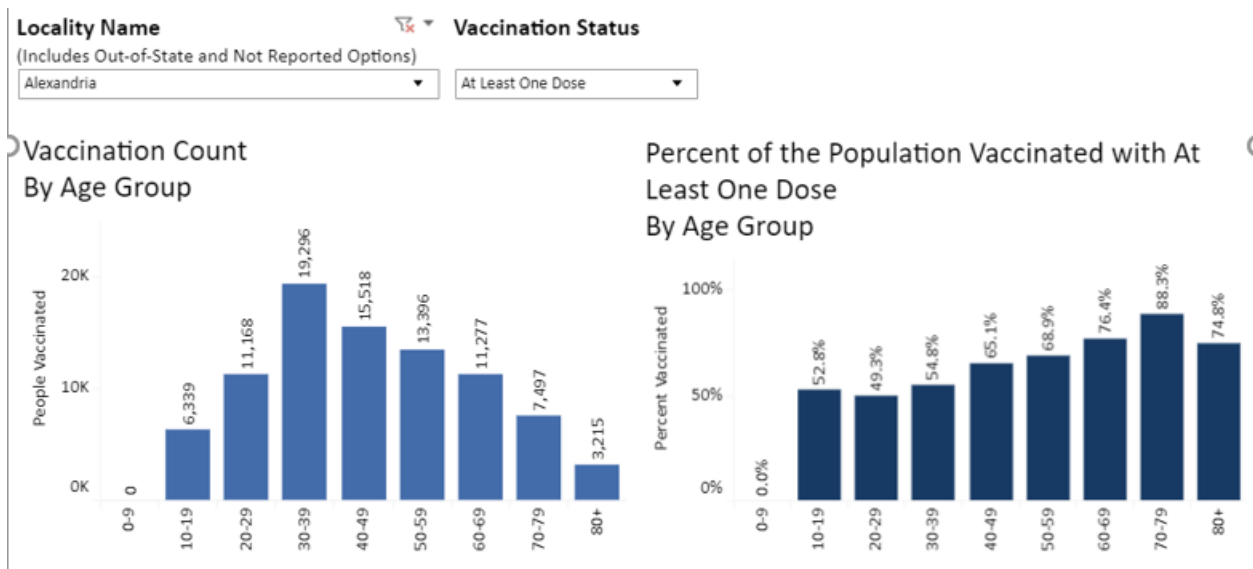
ACPS has worked with the AHD to host COVID-19 vaccination clinics in our school facilities since December 2020. The Department of Facilities and Operation has coordinated with the school sites hosting three Family Day Clinics (ages 12+) to date and will host one upcoming clinic:

- George Washington Middle School on May 22, 2021
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School June 5, 2021
- Francis C. Hammond Middle School June 12, 2021

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- Francis C. Hammond Middle School scheduled for June 26, 2021 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Based on information provided by the AHD, they have vaccinated 1,443 12-15-year olds. This number does not include any 12-15-year olds who have been vaccinated at other providers such as pharmacies, grocery stores, and pediatrician offices. During the first two ACPS Family Days, AHD vaccinated 403 12-15-year olds and approximately 400 others (16-17-year olds and adults). Please note this number from Family Day Clinics can also include private school students. The graphs below are from the Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Demographics found at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-demographics/>.



ACPS Department of School and Community Relations works closely with the City and AHD to promote the vaccination points of distribution in multiple languages for families. Examples of outreach include:

- Text messages to all families
- ACPS social media channels: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Messages to all students in grades 6-12 in the ACPS Canvas system
- ACPS Express* and *ACPS Insider*

ACPS also presented a webinar in Spanish on Facebook for AHD staff to answer questions about the vaccine, which can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/ACPSespanol/videos/459482218820364/>.

ACPS will continue our partnership with the AHD in an effort to increase COVID-19 vaccine offerings for our students and families in order to provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

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### **NEXT STEPS:**

ACPS staff will continue weekly meetings with AHD staff to plan opportunities for COVID-19 related items like vaccination opportunities at school and COVID-19 screening testing. The AHD is also investigating providing vaccines at the Teen Wellness Center.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board review the information within this brief.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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