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## Superintendent Update – November 23, 2021

Dear Botetourt County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

I am grateful for the tremendous amount of work that our staff, students, and their families have done so that we might continue to enjoy in-person instruction this school year. Although we continue to see active cases of COVID-19 in our community, we are hopeful that the figures will continue a downward trend in the upcoming months. I respect that the choice to be vaccinated is a personal or family decision. As was recently announced, children ages 5 years and older are now able to get an age-appropriate dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. For those families or individuals interested in receiving the COVID vaccine, there are several current and upcoming opportunities in our community:

- 1. Get your initial or booster dose at the **Community Vaccination Center (CVC)**, located in the former Sears at Valley View Mall. The CVC is open Monday Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and offers each of the vaccines. Appointments are encouraged, but walkins are welcome as daily supplies last.
- 2. Parents/Guardians can schedule for their child to receive a free vaccination on Wednesday, December 1 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Read Mountain Middle School. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.

It is important to note that people who are fully vaccinated can safely resume many of the activities they did prior to the pandemic. In addition, those who are fully vaccinated and remain symptom-free are not required to quarantine if they have been identified as a close contact to a COVID-positive individual.

Thank you for making Botetourt County a wonderful place to live, work, and learn, and I wish you all a happy and restful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D. Superintendent

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

## KEEP'EM SAFE, TOOL



Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Read Mountain Middle School

182 Orchard Hill Drive Cloverdale, Virginia 24077

Available vaccine types at this clinic: • Pediatric Pfizer for ages 5-11

Protect yourself, your family, & your community

Can't Scan? Visit: https://bit.ly/rmmsvax



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