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Parents or Guardians of Students,

The Mount Rogers Health District is happy to offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for those 16 years old and older. The first dose will be offered for George Wythe High School students on **Wednesday, April 28th at 9 am with a second dose on May 19th at 9 am**. Over the recent few weeks, COVID-19 cases are on the rise in our schools and communities.

The Pfizer vaccine is a two-dose series and approved for ages 16 and older. Two weeks after receiving the second dose, persons are considered fully vaccinated. Being fully vaccinated reduces the risk of disease, hospitalization, and death. Being vaccinated also protects friends, family, and the community. Once fully vaccinated, you do not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19. It is important for those 16 and older to be vaccinated to help prevent the spread of the virus in schools, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands help reduce the spread, and now receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool to help prevent the spread of disease. Common side effects from the vaccine include pain at the injection site, headache, muscle or joint pain, fever, and chills. These side effects typically resolve within 12-24 hours. Please review the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for specific vaccine information.

To register your student for a vaccine, go to <https://cw2-virginia-production.herokuapp.com/reg/5126699058> to schedule the appointment, review the EUA, and sign the consent. The consent must be signed in order to receive the vaccine. If needed, you can contact your local health department at the numbers listed in the above letterhead.

Best Regards,

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