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GTCHD announces upcoming school clinics

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) is announcing several school-based vaccination clinics to reach high schoolers, ages 16 and older, over the next few weeks. With continued partnerships with area schools, the health department will be vaccinating all that qualify and making it convenient for students, parents and the school. The timing will also allow students to receive two doses of the Pfizer vaccine prior to the end of the school year.

Below are the location and dates of currently scheduled clinics.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Kingsley	Thursday, April 22
Buckley	Thursday, April 22
TC West	Friday, April 23
TC Central	Monday, April 26
TC Christian	Wednesday, May 5
GT Academy	Wednesday, May 5
TC High	Friday, May 7

The clinics are available to anyone 16 years of age and older and additional staff members. No appointments are necessary. Parental or guardian approval is required. Parents should watch for an email message or direct communication from your child's school for specifics regarding each school clinic.

"Vaccinating the 16 to 18 year old high school population means fewer quarantines, missed in-person educational days, exclusions from sports and supports achieving a school-based immunity rate that protects all students and staff. It also helps protect their parents, grandparents and friends," said health officer, Wendy Hirschenberger. "With the current surge in numbers of cases affecting the younger population, it is critical to get vaccinated to slow the spread of COVID-19."

Additional clinics will be announced in the coming weeks.

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