



# Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

## Health Services

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations with the Delta variant. The Choctaw Nation strongly encourages everyone to complete their COVID-19 vaccinations.

The Pfizer vaccine is now approved for students ages 12 years old and older. To make access to the vaccine easier for our local students, we are hosting three special events. Local schools are welcome to attend and bus students to these events.

Vaccination events will be held:

- 9:00 am–2:00 pm on Monday, August 23, 2021, at Stigler Public High School in the gym lobby (1111 North West 7<sup>th</sup>, Stigler, OK)
- 9:00 am–2:00 pm on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at Poteau's Pansy Kidd Middle School in the safe room (300 N Walter St, Poteau, OK)
- 9:00 am–2:00 pm on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at Talihina Public High School in the gym (600 1st St, Talihina, OK)

Parents/guardians and schools can register for a time by calling (918) 567-7000 ext. 6440. For those not pre-registered, vaccinations will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is not required but helps us to ensure we have enough vaccines for all that attend.

**Parent/Guardian consent is required**, so anyone under 18 years old will not be vaccinated without a completed parental/guardian consent form. If students are not cooperative, the vaccine will not be administered.

**Vaccine Recommendation:** It is essential to be aware of both the risks and benefits of this vaccine. Please review the FDA's document on Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents 12 years of age and older.

[www.fda.gov/media/144414/download](http://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download)

*The Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine is administered as a 2-dose series, three weeks apart. Clinics for Dose #2 will be held on September 13, 14, 15 respectively.*

Sincerely,

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