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## **Saint Francis Hospital Partners with Hartford Public Schools to Vaccinate Eligible Students**

*Saint Francis continues partnership with City of Hartford to provide COVID-19 vaccinations to students ages 16 years and older.*

**HARTFORD, Conn. (April 15, 2021)** – Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health Of New England, is pleased to announce a partnership with Hartford Public Schools (HPS) to provide eligible students with COVID-19 vaccines. On Thursday, April 15, students ages 16 years and older who want to receive the vaccine will be able to do so at an exclusive pop-up clinic provided by Saint Francis Hospital. Students attending the clinic were pre-registered through their school.

“As part of our Mission to serve as a transforming healing presence within our community, we extended our established partnership with Hartford Public Schools to vaccinate eligible students,” said Phillip Roland, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Saint Francis Hospital. “We began this partnership by vaccinating over 2,193 educators and staff members within HPS, and thought it was extremely important to continue by offering this lifesaving vaccine to students ages 16 and up within the school system.”

Along with each eligible student, Saint Francis will also be making the vaccine available to the parent or guardian accompanying the student to the clinic in order to further provide COVID-19 vaccinations to Hartford residents.

“We are pleased to continue our partnership with Trinity Health Of New England to provide COVID-19 vaccination clinics to our students aged 16 and older,” said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez. “We know that the best learning and social environment for many of our students is in our schools. Access to vaccination for students, plus one parent or guardian, will help ensure the safety and well-being of everyone in our community. I am deeply grateful for the commitment of our students to their education and to our families for their partnership. The support of all our partners at Saint Francis Hospital, the City of Hartford, and the Department of Health and Human Services, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and the Connecticut State Department of Education has made this possible.”

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Saint Francis and Trinity Health Of New England have collaborated with the City of Hartford to provide residents of greater Hartford with the latest COVID-19 information, education, and services. In addition to a series of COVID-19 webinars, Saint Francis partnered with the City of Hartford to provide mobile COVID-19 testing sites and community COVID-19

vaccination sites in vulnerable neighborhoods. Just last weekend, Trinity Health Of New England hosted the first 24-hour Vax-A-Thon in New England, administering the COVID-19 vaccine to thousands of individuals in the local community. For more information on anything related to COVID-19 please visit [TrinityHealthOfNE.org](https://www.TrinityHealthOfNE.org).

### **About Saint Francis Hospital**

Saint Francis Hospital has been an anchor institution in Connecticut since 1897. Saint Francis is a member of Trinity Health Of New England and Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, is a 617-bed hospital, a major teaching hospital, and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group, and Community Health and Well Being, which includes the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry, and the Greater Hartford Family Advocacy Center. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT