

ST. ELIZABETH of the Trinity

September 20, 2021

Dear **St. Elizabeth** Families,

The Archdiocese has recently announced, that in accordance with the recent mandate by Governor Pritzker, effective October 31st, all “regular volunteers” in schools must be fully vaccinated or submit to regular Covid testing in order to continue to volunteer at school. We appreciate the many volunteers that assist the school in providing support to **St. Elizabeth** programs, athletics and events.

What constitutes a “regular” volunteer?

- Anyone who volunteers and is in close contact with students or personnel for more than 15 minutes at a time
- This applies to coaches, room parents, lunch/recess helpers, parents who want to help in the classroom with parties or with school events such as Book Fair, Fun Run, etc.
- This does NOT apply to those who are just dropping off/picking up students, books or a lunch or anyone volunteering for an event where no children are present, such as Trivia Night or Casino Night.

What is the compliance process?

- All parents who want to volunteer must show proof of vaccination by October 31st.
- Make a copy of the proof of vaccination and send it to me.
- After October 31st, unvaccinated individuals must provide a weekly covid test in order to continue to remain on the approved volunteer list.
- Copies of your vaccination card will be kept on file with other volunteer required paperwork.

Importance of getting vaccinated

A Catholic can, in good conscience, receive the COVID-19 vaccine, as declared by our Holy Father and evidenced by Cardinal Cupich’s own vaccination. Receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should be understood as an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good. Review the statements from the Bishops of Illinois and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the ethical dimension of the vaccines.

Bishop Robert Casey and Dr. Rachel Rubin, Senior Medical Officer at the Cook County Department of Public Health, discuss the COVID-19 vaccine, its safety and importance.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity will be hosting a vaccination clinic on October 2nd (Dose #1) and October 23rd (Dose #2). Walk-ins are welcome but to save time participants may register at

<https://events.juvar.com/IL-IDPH/w77s9/1067344/>

We appreciate your cooperation with this policy. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

**Yours in Christ,
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Principal**