

Phoenix Union High School District campuses to become vaccination sites for educators

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PHOENIX (3TV/CBS 5) - Four school campuses within the Phoenix Union High School District (PXU) have been designated as a vaccination point of distribution (POD) for school employees in the district footprint.



Officials with PXU announced on Thursday that they have partnered with the Maricopa County Public Health Department to provide vaccines to school employees. The on-campus sites will be opening next week. Vaccine distribution will take place over two days, Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23. A registration link will be sent to all school personnel on Friday, January 15.

Vaccination PODs will be at the following four locations:

*-Carl Hayden Community High School
3333 West Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85009*

*-Central High School
4525 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85012*

*-Cesar Chavez High School
3921 West Baseline Road, Laveen, Arizona 85339*

*-Maryvale High School
3415 North 59th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033*

The PXU Educator PODs will be organized like other public PODs - drive-through vaccinations with prescheduled appointment times. The PODs will also have a walk-up option for employees who do not drive or who need other accommodations.

Each POD is expected to distribute approximately 1,500 vaccines per day, per site, over the two-day period. Exact hours of dispensing have not been released.

School personnel will be asked to sign up for an appointment at the site closest to their school or district of employment, not their home. Notifications will come from employee's school about preassigned locations, officials say.

The vaccine to be utilized at the PXU Educator PODs will be the Moderna vaccine. The school district is working with Safeway, Albertsons, and Fry's to provide the vaccine. If you already have an appointment set through another vaccination site, you are asked to keep it.

"The Phoenix Union High School District wants to play any role necessary in helping with the spread of COVID and controlling the spread of COVID," superintendent Chad Gestson said.

The county is also partnering with home health associations to get vaccines out to homebound seniors. As for public outreach, the county is getting help from the [Valley Interfaith Project](#). Church of the Epiphany – Tempe is one of several congregations that spreads the word about COVID vaccines to everyone in earshot.

"We announce it on Sunday mornings. As things shift, we make sure that our folks know," said rector Hunter Ruffin.

The church will start offering drive-up testing on Monday, and Ruffin hopes to host a vaccination POD at the church once the shots are available to the general public. It's just another example of the enormous amount of public-private teamwork required to get everyone inoculated.

"It's the relationship that has led to the rest of what we're doing now," Ruffin said. "It doesn't come out of nothing."