



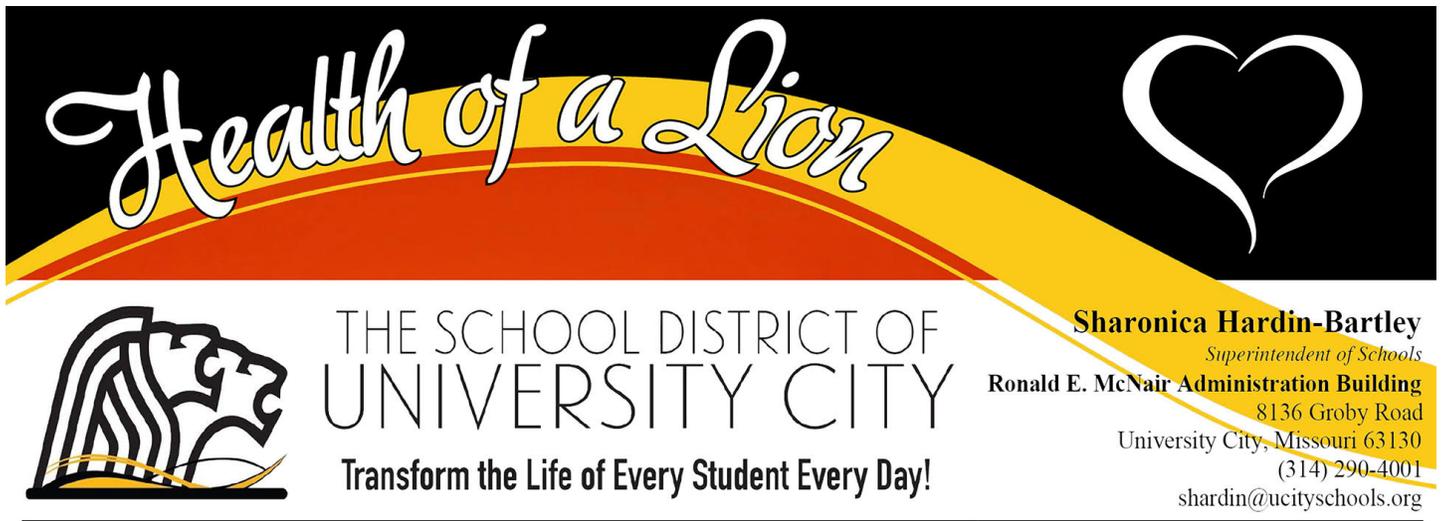
Important update: SDUC schedule changes due to staff vaccine clinic

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Good Afternoon U. City Schools Families:

The District has secured a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for all staff this Thursday, March 18 at Vashon High School. This opportunity came up very quickly this weekend at the invitation of St. Louis Public Schools, the Urban League and other partners.

Unfortunately, I also have to deeply apologize because this opportunity will require sudden schedule changes for the week:

- This Wednesday, March 17, will now be an in-person school day.
- This Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19, we will switch to asynchronous learning days so that we can ensure that every staff member who wants to be vaccinated has the opportunity to get to the clinic. There will be no in-person instruction or Distance Learning Hubs on those days. Please note, this Friday is already an early release day for the District.

I know this is yet again another disruption during such a difficult year. However, this clinic ensures that every one of our staff who wants the vaccine can get it in an organized and urgent way. Also, it will help avoid employee absences that disrupt our learning days.

Employees will receive the newly released Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Unlike the Pfizer and Moderna

vaccines, the Johnson & Johnson vaccination does not require a second dose and begins fully protecting recipients from serious disease after two weeks. Washington University epidemiologists have assured the District that the vaccine is highly effective and protects against all current variants of COVID-19.

This is a tremendous opportunity and I am grateful to be partnering with other districts to ensure our employees have easy access to the vaccine. But I am also aware that this sudden schedule change may be a hardship for some of you. This vaccine is a big step towards returning to normalcy. We will continue to strive to continue our safe, gradual and kind approach. Feel free to contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PHR
Superintendent

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