



Hello Everyone,

The Covid-19 vaccine will become available for individuals 16 and over as of Thursday, April 1st. This means that 154 students at Common Ground will be eligible to receive a vaccine.

That being said, it is important to note that **students age 16-17 can only receive the Pfizer vaccine**, while **students 18 and over can receive any Covid vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson)**. Students under the age of 18 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive the vaccine. Students and families should feel free to make appointments where available. Here is a link to [New Haven DPH](#) with useful links and numbers around the city where you can make appointments. We will notify you if DPH makes any student-specific clinics available, but there is no reason to wait to make an appointment.

The good news is that the DPH has stated that they expect supply will begin to exceed demand by early May. So while you may not be able to get an appointment right away, you should be able to do so in the next few weeks.

I am always available, to answer questions about the vaccine itself and to assist in making appointments. It is helpful if you share your stories of success (or failure) in getting vaccinated with me so that we can help each other. Please remember that getting vaccinated provides a service to the community by protecting you and protecting more vulnerable individuals around you.

Stay Healthy,
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Other Useful Links and Numbers

1-833-ASK-YNHH
203-288-1700
covidvaccine.ynhh.org