



Director's Office

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James E. Thorsen, Acting Director

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Dear colleagues,

As vaccines have become more readily available, the State-run vaccination sites at 100 Sockanosset Cross Road in Cranston, the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, and 1400 West Main Road in Middletown are now providing on-site registration. No appointments are necessary.

I want to make you aware of this development because of the proximity of 100 Sockanosset Cross Road to the Pastore Complex and the proximity of the Dunkin' Donuts Center to the Capitol Hill Campus. I encourage you to take advantage of this convenient opportunity to get vaccinated, if you have not done so already.

The site at 100 Sockanosset Cross Road is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Dunkin' Donuts Center is open every Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The site at 1400 West Main Road is open every Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you prefer to make an appointment, you can still do that by visiting vaccinateri.org.

You are eligible to discharge any of your accrued leave (sick, personal, compensatory time, vacation, etc.) to get vaccinated during your shift and/or if you experience post-vaccination symptoms. You should code your timesheet with the appropriate code for the leave that they use. There is not a special code for leave time for vaccination. If you decide to get vaccinated during your shift, please coordinate with your supervisor.

As you may have heard from family or friends who have been vaccinated, some individuals experience post-vaccination symptoms. According to the Rhode Island Department of Health, vaccines often cause our immune systems to respond, and that shows us the vaccine is working. This is healthy, normal, and expected. You may experience a sore arm, headache, fever, or body aches, but they should go away within a few days. If you have [any symptoms of COVID-19](#) following vaccination, stay home, call your or healthcare provider, and [get tested](#).

To keep up to date with everything involving Rhode Island's vaccination campaign and what it means for you, please visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>.

Sincerely,

James E. Thorsen
Acting Director of Administration