



MAKE EDUCATORS A PRIORITY! VACCINATE EDUCATORS FOR SAFER SCHOOL CONDITIONS

Everyone wants safe, uninterrupted, in-person instruction. Throughout the pandemic, we have been left wanting more from state leaders. The Lee administration sent us cheap cloth masks that didn't protect us and inadequate amounts of cleaning supplies. The Lee administration has not properly funded our public schools, leaving us to spend our own funds to purchase disinfectants and protective masks on top of the hundreds of dollars we spend in a normal year on classroom resources. The Lee administration has not provided sufficient guidance on COVID outbreaks, leaving it to us to set and enforce mitigation efforts in our schools. Where in-person instruction has resumed, educators have been infected at higher rates than the communities they serve.

We can greatly reduce the constant disruption for students, educators and families by **prioritizing educator access to the COVID-19 vaccine**. Tennessee appeared to be on its way to prioritizing vaccines for educators, but then changed course, while still demanding all schools return to in-person instruction.

Governor Lee, you must do everything in your power to **get educators vaccinated as quickly as possible**. You must be transparent on timelines and doses, and publish your statewide plan on educator vaccination. Tennessee students, educators and families are counting on you to step up.

Gov. Lee, we ask you to do the right thing - prioritize vaccine access for educators.



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