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## **KershawHealth and Kershaw County School District Partnering to Give Employees COVID-19 Vaccinations**

**CAMDEN, SC (March 10, 2021)** - KershawHealth is excited to offer COVID-19 vaccinations for Kershaw County School District (KCSD) employees on Thursday, March 11, and Saturday, March 13. KCSD school nurses will join the KershawHealth vaccine team in administering 800 vaccines during the two days. Last week Governor McMaster announced that the state's teachers and staff would be eligible for the vaccine beginning March 8.

"Our teachers continue to show resiliency and are committed to every student in Kershaw County," said Dr. Shane Robbins, KCSD superintendent. "We are pleased to be able to partner with KershawHealth to begin vaccinations quickly and efficiently. This clinic did not happen overnight. Community relationships matter, and KershawHealth's willingness to work with us and focus on the safety of our students and employees are so appreciated. The Kershaw County School District extends our thanks to everyone who made this possible."

"KershawHealth values our partnership with Kershaw County School District, and we are honored to be able to provide vaccines to its employees," said Sue Shugart, CEO, KershawHealth. "Moving into Phase 1B of our state's vaccination plan allows us to continue to make strides in ending this pandemic and stand firmly on our mission of *Making Communities Healthier*. We hope that by receiving the vaccine, teachers will feel more comfortable and confident in the classroom setting."

Before Gov. McMaster announced the state's transition to Phase 1B, KCSD and KershawHealth were in discussion to develop the district's vaccination plan. The District had polled teachers and other staff in advance to estimate the number who would want to receive the vaccine. KershawHealth and KCSD worked together to establish the dates and times for the dedicated vaccination. In addition, KCSD provided registration forms in advance to improve the efficiency of the on-site vaccination.

All KCSD employees will have the opportunity to get vaccinated on Thursday, March 11, or Saturday, March 13. Second doses will be available to KCSD on Thursday, April 1 and Friday, April 2—also dedicated times for District employees and staff who receive the first dose on March 11 or 13. Those who are unable to make the vaccination clinic hours can schedule their COVID-19 vaccines using KershawHealth's online scheduling system.

**About KERSHAWHEALTH:** Founded in 1913 as Camden Hospital, KershawHealth is a full-service healthcare system proudly serving its community members in Kershaw county and the surrounding areas. A part of LifePoint Health, KershawHealth consist of facilities in Camden, Elgin, Lugoff, and

Kershaw, including a 119-bed Medical Center and a 20-bed Geriatric Psychiatric Unit in Camden, Outpatient Center and Urgent Care in Elgin, Sleep Diagnostics Center, and Physical Therapy ready to care for you. KershawHealth employs more than 800 dedicated staff. For more information, visit [www.KershawHealth.org](http://www.KershawHealth.org).

**About Kershaw County School District:** Nestled in the heart of the Palmetto State, the Kershaw County School District is home to 20 schools, more than 10,500 students and over 1,000 employees. Our district is accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and Cognia. With a graduation rate over 90%, more than 90 percent of our graduates attend college or some other form of continuing education, join the military or enter the workforce. For more information, visit [www.kcsdschools.net](http://www.kcsdschools.net).

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