



Thornton Fractional High School District 215
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Illinois High School Serves as COVID-19 Vaccination Site Designated Exclusively for Local Educators and School Personnel

Lansing, IL: Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, Illinois is a new Cook County Department of Public Health COVID-19 vaccination site to specifically serve the staffs of local school districts. The site has been deemed a “point of distribution (POD)” for local school districts and will specifically serve school personnel in the south suburbs of Chicago.

The [Thornton Fractional High School District 215](#) Board of Education voted at a special meeting on February 4th to approve a site agreement with Cook County Department of Public Health. On February 10th, 2021 Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle hosted a [press conference at Thornton Fractional South](#) to acknowledge the site opening. Preckwinkle was joined by U.S. Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Illinois senator Elgie Sims, and other local officials. She stated that the site will serve as a pilot for possible other educational point of distribution sites in suburban Cook County.

Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, Thornton Fractional District 215 superintendent, stated, “I am so pleased that we are able to host this designated vaccination site at TF South for our staff, the staffs of our feeder schools, and other local school district personnel. We look forward to contributing to the efforts to get teachers and students safely back to school.”

Thornton Fractional District 215 worked with multiple entities during the planning and implementation for the new vaccination site at Thornton Fractional South, including: Cook County Department of Public Health, Cook County Realtors Office (Leasing), Cook County Department of Information Technology, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Air National Guard Regional Office, Village of Lansing Police Department, and South Cook Intermediate Service Center.

The Illinois National Guard has a team on site to administer the vaccines and provide around-the-clock security at the school. Educators and school personnel being served at the designated vaccine site receive a private link to schedule their appointments and are required to show a school ID or letter on their school’s letterhead with government-issued identification upon arrival.

Dr. Michael Bolz, president of the District 215 Board of Education, noted, “I am grateful to the state and Cook County officials who have made this possible, as well as the Illinois National Guard for their contribution in this critically important endeavor. I also want to thank and acknowledge Superintendent Dr. Jones-Redmond for her tireless efforts in pursuing this opportunity.”

About Thornton Fractional High School District 215: District 215 serves the students of Burnham, Calumet City, Lansing, and Lynwood at Thornton Fractional North High School, Thornton Fractional South High School, Thornton Fractional Center for Academics and Technology, and Thornton Fractional Center for Alternative Learning. The mission of District 215 is to provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community.

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