

## **All Teenagers Now Able to Get COVID-19 Vaccinations in Metro Region**

### ***(Interview Transcripts)***

#### **Cheryl Wesolowski, Manager, OSF Medical Group, Metro Region**

“We are really happy to be able to do this so that we get a little more herd immunity in our community. These kids want to go out and play soccer, do their sports, go to camps – and we are grateful that we are able to now offer them the vaccine.” (:11)

#### **Darrel Burns, Jr., Vaccinated Teen**

“I’m feeling pretty good. A little bit anxious to get the vaccine, but my dad got it, my mom got it. My mom is a nurse. For many people it seems scary but I really don’t think it will be.” (:10)

#### **Darrel Burns, Sr., Father of Teen**

“It’s important because we are trying to keep everybody safe, and the more people that get the vaccine the safer everybody will be. I got it. My wife got it. And we wanted to make sure that he gets it actually so that he can go visit his grandparents who he hasn’t been able to see much of. I just think that it’s the right thing to do and it is the thing to do for everybody to be safe.” (:24)

#### **Marshall Mays, BSN, RN, Clinical Nurse Educator, OSF HealthCare, Metro Region**

“It really gives parents reassurance when they send their kids back to school that they will be safe among their peers, so it’s a step forward to get back to normal – or our ‘new’ normal.” (:12)

#### **Cheryl Wesolowski, Manager, OSF Medical Group, Metro Region**

“We’re glad that we are able to do this right here in the community where our patients live. It is easy access and we have convenient hours. They can bring their kids right after school to come in and get the vaccine. So it’s convenient and easily accessible.” (:11)