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OCCHD, Energy FC team up for ticket giveaway

Free game tickets offered to children being vaccinated at OKCPS, Mid-Del schools

Oklahoma City's professional soccer team, Energy FC, are offering one free game ticket to young people who get the COVID-19 vaccine at an Oklahoma City-County Health Department vaccination event.

OCCHD is continuing to work with its partner, Oklahoma City Public Schools, and is setting set up at three OKCPS sites in coordination with the district's summer school program.

Anyone age 12 to 17 years old will be able to get a QR code to claim their ticket, which will take them to a website where additional Energy FC tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate.

OCCHD reached out to Energy FC about the opportunity because NW Classen High School is near Taft Middle School. Energy FC's home field is at the historic Taft Stadium. Energy FC practices in the field at OCCHD's Northeast Health & Wellness Campus.

"The health and well-being of our community is a core value of Energy FC," said Jeff Kretchmar, Energy FC chief operating officer. "With the help of sponsors making the tickets possible, we are here to assist OCCHD in their efforts to keep OKC healthy and moving forward beyond this pandemic."

The tickets are being offered at OKCPS vaccination sites because the district has generously opened their doors to the public for vaccinations at these events. The tickets will also be available at the Mid-Del School District vaccination event, scheduled for June 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The first vaccine event where the tickets were available was Thursday, June 17 at NW Classen High School, where 36 people were vaccinated, including adults.

"We are always grateful when one our amazing partners – and neighbor for that matter – steps up to help us get to the other side of the pandemic," said Dr. Patrick McGough, OCCHD CEO. "It will take all of us to get to the other side of the pandemic."

OCCHD will also be at OKCPS' Star Spencer High School on June 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and OKCPS' U.S. Grant High School on July 1 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Grant and

Star Spencer have previously been vaccination sites during the pandemic.

As of June 17, more than 43% of eligible Oklahoma County residents were fully vaccinated and 51% had received their first dose.