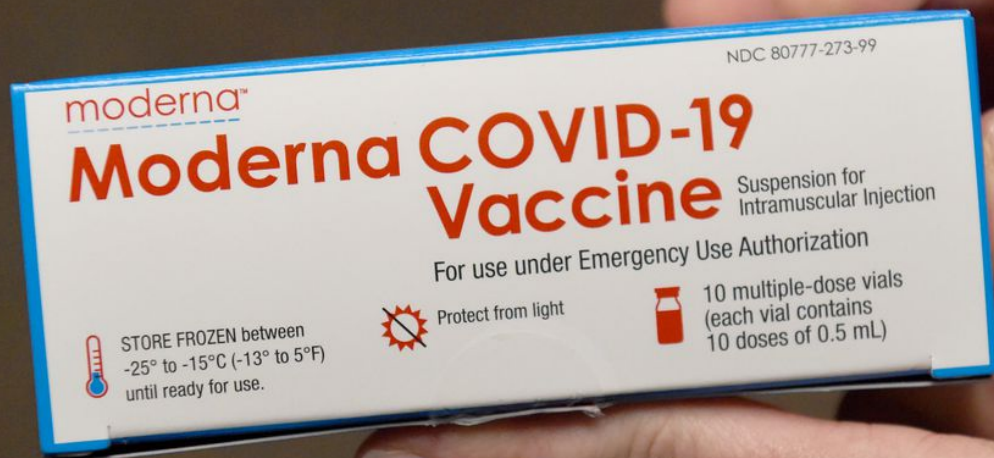


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Central NY school district closes after many staff sick with side effects from Covid vaccine

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The Sandy Creek school district closed today after numerous staff members reported feeling ill after the second vaccine, district officials said.

Superintendent Kyle Faulkner told Syracuse.com | The Post Standard that health care provider ConnectCare came to the district to give teachers, staff, substitutes, aides, bus drivers and others the Moderna vaccine.

More than half the employees received the first shot a month ago, and the second injection was Wednesday, Faulkner said.

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Of those, at least one-third reported feeling ill including fever and other symptoms, Faulkner said.

“We are a small district, and we had so many folks down and out today that we didn’t have enough people to staff the schools,” Faulkner said. “Some people get pretty sick with the second shot.”

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[The CDC reports such side effects](#) are normal, and can range from soreness and swelling at the injection site to fever, chills, tiredness and headache.

The district has 752 students, 78 teachers and 89 staff members.

Faulkner said he also received the second shot yesterday and said he feels OK.

The district is using an emergency day for the closing.

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