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## **Events Help Prepare Students for Success as Start of School Year Nears**

*Health Fair Being Held at EHS on Aug. 8*

**ELGIN** - School District U-46 families are invited to several events around the community to ensure students are ready for the first day of school, Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The U-46 Health Services department will host a Back to School Health Fair from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin.** Advocate Healthcare, VNA Health Care, and Greater Elgin Family Care Center will provide physical and immunizations on a first-come, first-served basis to U-46 students who either have publicly-assisted insurance or have no insurance. Students who are entering preschool, kindergarten, 6th grade, 9th grade, and 12th grade need to have state-required physicals and up-to-date immunizations completed and turned into the school nurse's office by the first day of school.

U-46 is among the event partners for the 10th annual Back-to-School Supply Fair at Elgin Community College on **Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (or while supplies last). It is held in Building J at ECC, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin.** The event, known as [Project Backpack](#), provides school supplies for students in need as they prepare for the upcoming academic year.

Supplies will be distributed to students who provide proof of fall 2019 registration (such as school registration or a report card) with Elgin Community College or School District U-46, Community Unit School District 300, Central School District 301, Community Unit School District 303, or Keeneyville District 20. Students who cannot provide proof of enrollment should bring proof of residency in one of the school districts.



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More than 19,000 backpacks have been distributed since the launch of Project Backpack in 2010. Donations collected throughout the Elgin community will provide a gender-neutral backpack filled with supplies including folders, notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, and more. Donations to Project Backpack can be made at <http://www.project-backpack.org/donations.html>.

Hanover Township will begin its [annual backpack distribution](#) at **9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7 at the Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Ave., Hanover Park.** Kindergarteners through 8th graders can receive a free backpack filled with school supplies until 11:30 a.m., or while supplies last. Students must be a resident of Hanover Township, and families must show proof of residency within Hanover Township boundaries via an ID, current piece of mail, utility bill, or medical card.

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*School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, South Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. Nearly 39,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the [U-46 website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*