



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DCPS 2020-2021 - Planning for Term 2

#Reopen Strong Public Health Panel

October 2020

Welcome and Thank You

Thank you to our teachers, staff, students, families and community partners
for a strong start to the school year!



Welcome to our Panel



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DCPS Planning Principles

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLANNING PRINCIPLES



Prioritizing safety through robust protocols

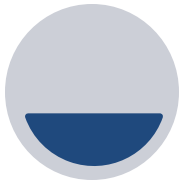


Maximizing learning in school or at home



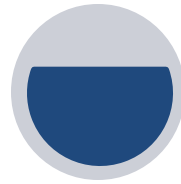
Promoting equity for every student

Phased Return to In-Person Learning



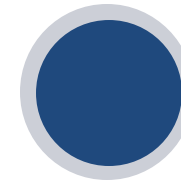
Term 1

Launch
Student
Support
Centers



Term 2

Welcome Back
Elementary
Grades
(PK-5)



Term 3

Welcome Back
Secondary
Grades
(6-12)

Families will always have the option to continue learning at home.

Importance of Providing Elementary In-Person Learning in Term 2

During learning at home, our educators are making their virtual classrooms places of creativity and enrichment, curiosity and encouragement.
At the same time, we know learning at home is not working for every student and family.

To determine the best way to welcome staff and students back into our schools in Term 2, we prioritized:

- ✓ Providing a safe and supportive learning space for our **youngest learners** – where we see more challenges with virtual learning.
- ✓ Offering in-person instruction for students with known opportunity gaps to **mitigate learning loss**.
- ✓ **Maximizing learning time** and maintaining the integrity of the instructional program for all students – whether at school or at home.

Secondary courses are built on semester schedules. To ensure continuity of the learning experience and consistency in grading practices, middle and high school students will continue learning at home. DCPS will consider a transition to in-person learning for middle and high school students in Term 3.

Learning Models for Term 2

TERM 2: LEARNING MODELS FOR DCPS STUDENTS

DCPS is making plans to reopen, beginning with elementary schools in Term 2 on November 9. Depending on their grade level, students will have the following options for returning to school:

Grades PK3 through 5 only



In-Person Learning

One class per grade and prioritized self-contained classrooms with teacher instruction



Student CARE Classroom

Supervised virtual instruction at school

All students, including grades PK3-12



Learning at Home

Continue all-virtual instruction

Students in grades 6-12 will continue to learn at home for Term 2 from November 9 through January 29. Learn more about our health and safety precautions at [DCPSReopenStrong.com](https://www.dcpsreopenstrong.com).



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Preparing our DCPS Classrooms and Schools



School Preparations: Building Readiness

DCPS SCHOOL BUILDING READINESS CHECKLIST



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Hygiene Supplies

General PPE supplies like masks and face shields will be provided for students and staff. Enhanced PPE supplies like gloves, gowns, and shoe covers will also be available for staff who are in closer, more frequent interaction with students and staff. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will also be provided.



Cleaning Supplies & Procedures

School leaders and operations staff are ensuring deep cleaning before students return and daily enhanced cleaning procedures by trained custodial staff. Cleaning supplies have been purchased based on CDC and EPA guidance.



Socially-Distant Space Arrangement

In classrooms, hallways, staircases, and shared staff spaces including reception and security areas.



Signage

Posted in arrival spaces, hallways, and classrooms.



Water Access

Fountain spouts have been turned off, and bottle fillers, water coolers, and/or water bottles will be available.



HVAC Enhancements

Schools have either a Direct Outside Air System (DOAS) with MERV-13/MERV-14 filters or High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters installed.



Plumbing Systems

DCPS and DGS are addressing plumbing needs to ensure schools are ready to welcome students and staff.



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Health & Safety Protocols

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITMENTS



Limit the
size of groups



Reduce class
transitions



Require
safe routines



Reorganize
classroom spaces



Maintain clean
facilities



Adjust arrival and
dismissal procedures



Screen and report
symptoms



Adjust meal
routines



Train
staff



Provide
virtual learning

Ask, Ask, Look!

COVID-19 Daily Student Health Screening Guidance for DCPS Families

ASK • ASK • LOOK

Heading back to school for an in-person learning activity? Parents and Guardians are expected to complete a health screening for their child.

? 1. Ask your child about the following symptoms consistent with COVID-19*:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chills Cough Congestion Diarrhea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fatigue Fever (100.4+) Headache Muscle or body aches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nausea or vomiting New loss of taste or smell Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Sore throat Or otherwise feeling unwell.
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*If symptoms are related to a chronic medical condition and your healthcare provider has submitted written or verbal documentation that the symptoms are not COVID-19-related, the student should not be excluded from school because of those symptoms.

? 2. Ask whether you have been in close contact with anyone who has COVID-19.

- If your child has answered "yes" to either question: **STAY HOME.**
- Contact your healthcare provider or DC Health.
- Follow your school's attendance reporting protocol.

- If your child has answered "no" to both: **student may attend school that day**

Have you traveled to a high-risk state or country for non-essential activities in the past 14 days? You are required to self-quarantine per the Mayor's Order.

Q 3. Look for signs of illness

- Upon arrival to school, each student will: 1) Use the hand sanitizer station. 2) Receive a face mask if they do not have one. 3) Proceed to the "Look" step of the daily health screening, including temperature check. A staff member will look for visible signs of illness before a student may enter the building. Signs can include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness.

Students who pass the health screening can proceed into the building and report to class. Any student who is visually displaying signs of illness will be escorted to the Health Isolation Room until safe pickup by family or guardian, or sent home immediately if they are able to safely travel independently.

Moderated Panel: Questions & Answers

A screenshot of a Facebook Live event Q&A interface. At the top, there are icons for a comment bubble (highlighted with a red box), settings, and help. Below these is the title 'Live event Q&A' with a question mark icon and a close button. A tab bar shows 'Featured' and 'My questions' (highlighted with a red box). The main area displays a list of questions and answers, including a question from a user with a profile picture and a response from a moderator with a profile picture and two emojis (😎 and 😊). At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Ask a moderator' with the text 'Questions won't be visible to everyone until a moderator approves them'. Below this is a form with a name field labeled 'Your name (optional)', a text input field labeled 'Ask a question', and a checkbox labeled 'Post as anonymous' (highlighted with a red box). A submit button is on the right.

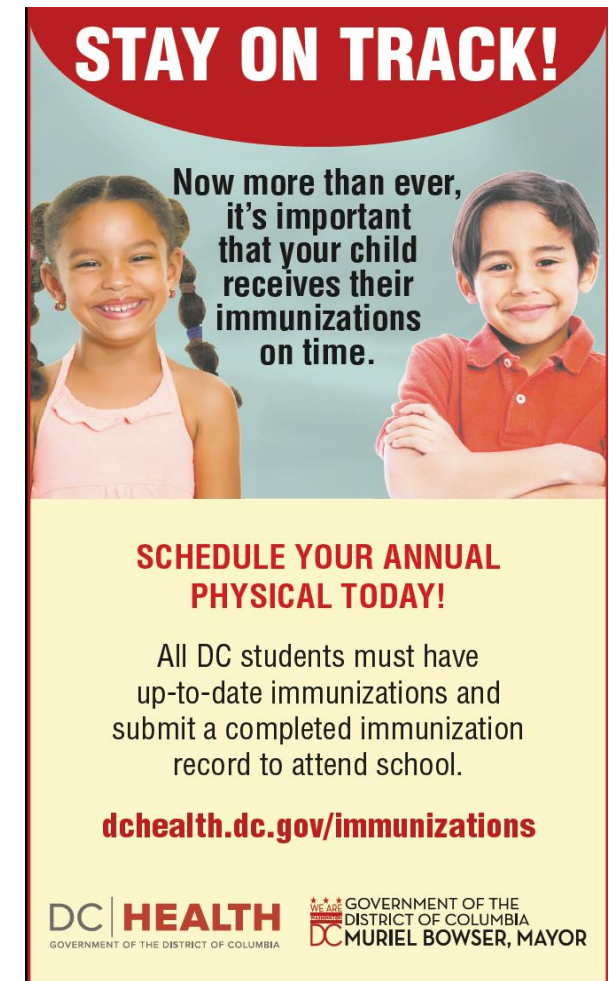
Immunizations Reminder

Beginning School Year 2020-2021, immunizations are required for in-person attendance.

Ensuring your child receives the right vaccinations at the right age is one of the most important ways to help them stay healthy and keep serious diseases at a distance.

Families who receive an offer for a classroom seat must have immunization certification for their student submitted by their first day of in-person attendance.

Students without documentation will not be admitted.



STAY ON TRACK!

Now more than ever,
it's important
that your child
receives their
immunizations
on time.

**SCHEDULE YOUR ANNUAL
PHYSICAL TODAY!**

All DC students must have
up-to-date immunizations and
submit a completed immunization
record to attend school.

dchealth.dc.gov/immunizations

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Join Us- DCPS Term 2 Telephone Townhalls

Join Deputy Mayor for Education Paul Kihn and Chancellor Dr. Lewis Ferebee

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS TELETOWNHALLS

October 21 at 5:00 p.m.
Family and Student Readiness

To RSVP visit bit.ly/DCPSReOpening1021

October 28 at 5:00 p.m.
Facility and Operations Readiness

To RSVP visit bit.ly/DCPSReOpening1028

November 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Schedules, Day in the Life,
Student Supports

To RSVP visit bit.ly/DCPSReOpening1104

Join by phone: **844-881-1314** or watch on DCN Channel 16, mayor.dc.gov/live and the Mayor's social media accounts.
ASL and real-time captioning will be provided.



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