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DCPS 2020-2021 - Planning for Term 2

#Reopen Strong Term 2 Telephone Townhall

Facility and Operations Readiness

October 2020

Thank You for Joining Us

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



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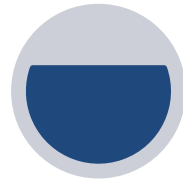
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Phased Return to In-Person Learning



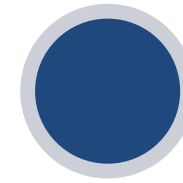
Term 1

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.

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://dcpsreopenstrong.com).



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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



Screen and report
symptoms



Adjust meal
routines



Train
staff



Maintain clean
facilities



Adjust arrival and
dismissal procedures



Provide
virtual learning

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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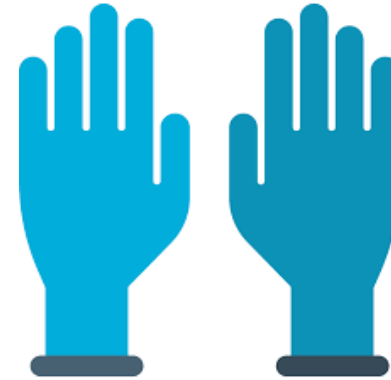
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Health and Safety At-a-Glance



\$24M investment to increase the air change rates and filtration

- ✓ 3,000 mobile medical grade HEPA (High-Efficiency Particulate Air) filters



\$3.6M investment for Personal Protective Equipment

- ✓ 1.5M Disposable Masks
- ✓ 320,000 Child Size Masks
- ✓ 80,000 Communicator Masks
- ✓ 87,000 Face Shields

HVAC Enhancements

\$24M investment to increase the air change rates and filtration provided by HVAC systems to reduce any airborne concentrations of COVID-19 and related transmission risks in every school:

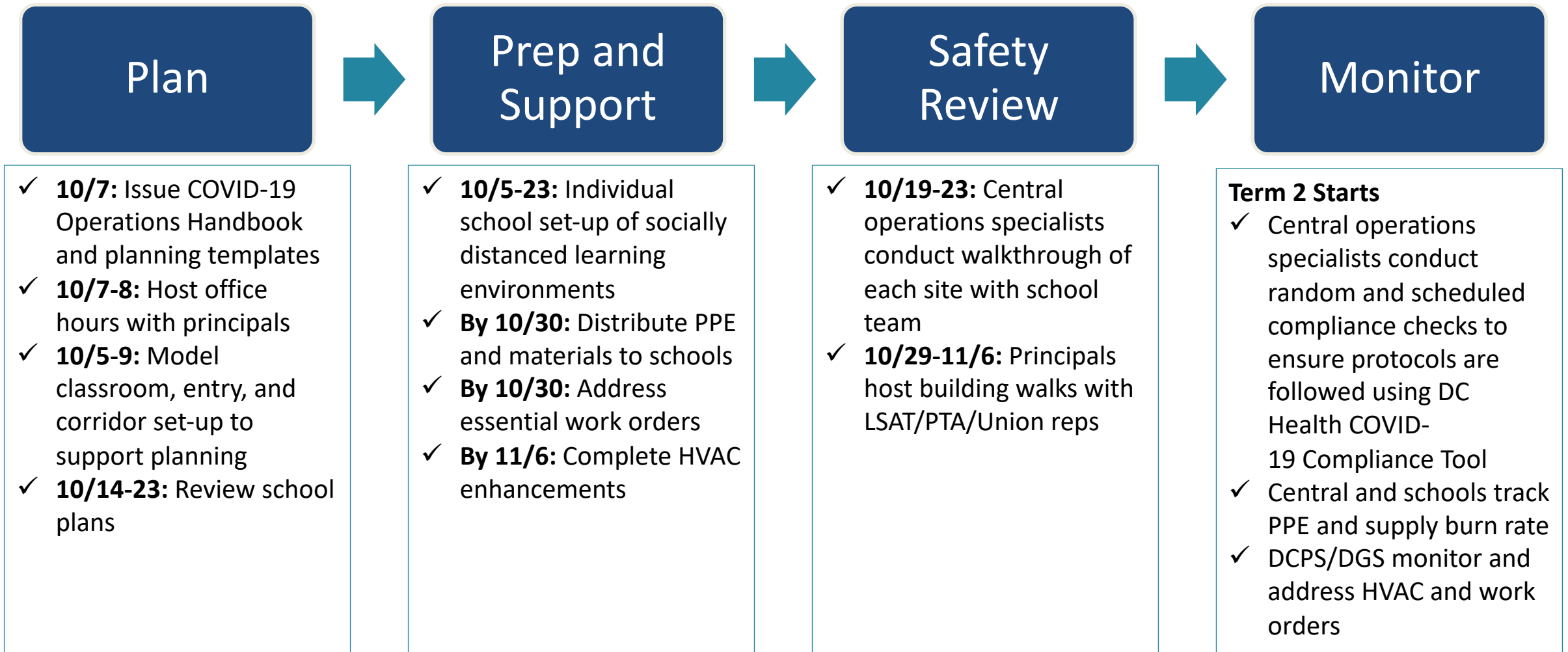
- Schools with central HVAC: *Installation of **MERV-13/MERV-14 filters**.*
- Schools without central HVAC: *Placement of **High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters**.*

All classrooms across the DCPS portfolio will receive a portable medical grade HEPA filter, proven to filter particulates down to 0.3 microns at a 99.99% efficiency.

3,000 mobile medical grade HEPA filters will be placed in elementary schools and PK-8 education campuses.



School Preparations: Operational Planning for Schools Opening in Term 2



DCPS' Response to COVID-19



If students, staff, or community members, who have been in the building, test positive for COVID-19, **schools will follow the health and safety guidance** released by DC Health and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education.



To minimize the impact of a positive case on the entire school, students will be grouped in **cohorts** that do not have close contact with other cohorts.



DCPS is training school leaders on our **COVID-19 Reporting and Response Protocol**.



When there is a **confirmed, positive case of an individual in a school building**, we will notify students and staff of that school, provide self-quarantine instructions to close contacts, and follow all steps outlined by DC Health and the CDC for cleaning, disinfection, and sanitization.

Next Steps

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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1. **Stay on Track-** Immunization Certifications are required for in-person programming.
2. Join a **Telephone Townhall** on November 4.
3. Learn more at **DCPSReopenStrong.com**