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Creating Safe School Environments in DCPS

#RecoverStrong Telephone Townhall

October 2021

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Thank You for Joining Us

DCPS is prioritizing the health and safety of all our students!



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DCPS Remains Committed to Prioritizing Health and Safety for All

HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR SY21-22



Practice Safe Routines



Reorganize Classroom Spaces



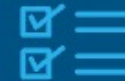
Notify of Cases at School



School HVAC Enhancements



Adjust Meal Routines



Follow Public Health Guidance



Deep Cleaning Protocols



Screen and Report Symptoms



Provide COVID-19 Vaccine



Maintain Building Readiness

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Maintain Building Readiness

DCPS SCHOOL BUILDING READINESS CHECKLIST (SY21-22)



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Hygiene Supplies

Schools have the necessary general and enhanced PPE and hygiene supplies and are prepared to utilize the standardized inventory monitoring protocol established by central office to ensure timely supply replenishment.



Cleaning Supplies & Procedures

Schools have the necessary approved cleaning supplies and are prepared to utilize the standardized inventory monitoring protocol.



Water Access

Schools have safe and reliable access to water in a manner that prevents risk of virus transmission.



Socially Distant Space Arrangement

Schools are set up to facilitate social distancing.



Plumbing Systems

School plumbing work orders related to bathrooms, sinks, and water supply systems are prioritized.



Signage

Schools have multi-lingual health signage posted in arrival spaces, hallways, and classrooms.



HVAC Enhancements

Schools are equipped with either a Direct Outside Air System with MERV-13/MERV-14 or HEPA filters.



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#ReopenStrong: School Building Readiness Checklist

DC Public Schools (DCPS) is committed to a safe and successful return to in-person learning for our students and staff. DCPS' work to prepare for a strong reopening is grounded in prioritizing the health and safety of our entire school community. Using guidance from DC Health, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and union partners, we developed a set of building readiness standards that meet public health requirements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This School Building Readiness Checklist is intended to ensure that DCPS facilities meet those stringent standards.

Each member of the walkthrough team shall be provided a copy of this checklist to individually complete during the walkthrough.

In order to safely reopen, a school building must have the following in place:

- ☒ 1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Hygiene Supplies

School has the necessary general and enhanced PPE and hygiene supplies to support the first two months of programming and has been oriented to the standardized inventory monitoring protocol established by central office for all schools to ensure timely supply replenishment. A review of the school's inventory indicates that the following items are onsite:

- ☒ Adult face masks
- ☒ Face shields
- ☒ Child face masks
- ☒ Communicator masks, as applicable

Additionally, the following enhanced PPE supplies will be provided to staff whose roles increase the likelihood of being in closer or more frequent proximity to other staff and students:

- ☒ Gloves
- ☒ Medical gowns

HVAC Enhancements and Maintenance — Over \$24 Million Invested



HVAC Enhancements allow for well-ventilated spaces at every school, including state-of-the-art HEPA filters in classrooms and air quality sensors throughout the building.

- We invested more than \$24 million in HVAC upgrades to improve filtration and ventilation in every DCPS building.
- Mobile units with a medical-grade HEPA filter clean the air in classrooms.
- We also have UV lights in places like the bathroom to keep any germs present from replicating. MERV-13 filters in building-wide systems reduce the type of air particles that even enter the building.

HVAC and Air Quality Reports — Online for You To See!



- DCPS buildings are equipped with indoor air quality (IAQ) sensors that are continuously monitoring air quality in our schools.
- The results of the readings are being sent directly to an independent platform where the Department of General Services (DGS) utilizes a third-party vendor, Setty and Associates, to monitor for events to be addressed by the facilities staff.
- These measurements help us understand how well ventilated our buildings are and how well the filtration is working.
- Visit dcpsreopenstrong.com for all reports

Enhanced Cleaning Protocols

This includes for high touch surfaces, and a deep cleaning completed after a suspected or reported COVID-19 case.

- Schools receive daily enhanced cleaning.
- Deep cleaning will continue to occur during scheduled school breaks as well as per DC Health guidance for COVID-19 exposure in the building.
- School custodial staff are trained to implement these protocols. Cleaning supplies are from the EPA-registered list in the [CDC guidance](#) for reducing transmission of COVID-19.



Classroom Spacing

Classrooms and supporting spaces are set-up to encourage physical distancing as much as possible and to have student desks and tables face the same direction as feasible. Classrooms and other student spaces are in either an A or B arrangement:

A

- Room is arranged to allow for 3 feet of distancing between students and 6 feet between students and adults.

B

- Room does not allow for social distancing of at least 3 feet. Students have assigned seats to support need for close contact tracing if there is a positive case reported.



Early Childhood Spacing

Social Distancing and Classroom Routines

- Students will wear masks and wash hands as they go from one learning center to the next
- Teachers will set up the classroom to allow for 3ft of distancing
- Teachers will use tools to enforce spacing- such as carpet squares or hula-hoops

Lunch Time Routines

- When possible, students will eat outside
- There will be additional distancing when students eat since they will not have on masks

Nap Time Routines

- There will be additional distancing during nap time by placing mats 6ft apart, or students head to toe
- Mats or cots will be labeled with each student's name and wiped down after each use
- Students can bring blankets, sheets or pillows from home and store in their cubby or backpack

Safe Meal Service — Inside and Outside

Food & Nutrition Services resumed traditional services of breakfast, lunch, afterschool meals and other programs for students attending school in-person.

- Breakfast is provided as a grab-and-go meal at school entrances, delivered to the classroom, or in the cafeteria, depending on each school's specific need.
- Students in grades 1-12 can eat lunch in the cafeteria or outside.
- *Where applicable, students in PK3, PK4, and K receive lunch in the classroom.*



Outdoor Learning Investments



Tents

Picnic Tables
(or Stools)

Lap Desks

Storage
Carts

Dry Erase
Boards

Carpet
Squares

COVID-19 Building Safety Hotline

You can share any building or operations related COVID-19 health and safety concerns using one of the following two options.

➤ **By Email**

- Email your building safety concerns to dcps.covidsafety@k12.dc.gov. Please be sure to provide the school site when reporting your concern.

➤ **By Phone**

- Call our DCPS COVID-19 BUILDING SAFETY HOTLINE at (202) 442-5656. Please leave a detailed message.


We will acknowledge your call or email within 48 hours or 2 business days.

As a Reminder — Take the Shot Youth Vaccination Incentive Sites!


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TAKE THE SHOT, DC YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY


All District youth aged 12-17 who get vaccinated will be eligible to win:



A \$25,000 college scholarship
(8 total winners)



iPad and headphones
(32 total winners)



All DC youth aged 12-17* who receive their **first shot** at three Take The Shot, DC Giveaway Sites can receive a \$51 gift card or **free AirPods** (while supplies last)!


Parents/guardians will also get one **\$51 VISA gift card** per child who receives their **first shot** at these sites.

TAKE THE SHOT, DC - YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY SITES Effective October 12, 2021


<p>Columbia Heights Education Campus 3101 16th Street, NW Tues. - Thurs. 3:30pm - 7:30pm Sat. 12pm - 5pm</p>	<p>Dorothy Height/Benning Library 3935 Benning Road, NE Tues. - Wed. 11am - 5:30pm Thur. 12pm - 6pm Sat. 12pm - 5pm</p>	<p>Fort Stanton Recreation Center 1812 Erie Street, SE Tues. - Wed. 10am - 6pm Thur. 12pm - 6pm Sat. 12pm - 5pm</p>
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*Students ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in a DC school seeking a high school diploma can receive a gift card or AirPods (if available)


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- DC has 3 new youth vax incentive sites opening this month.
- Youth who get their first shot at one of these locations can receive AirPods or a \$51 gift card.
- Parents also receive a \$51 gift card.
- All students are automatically entered into a sweepstakes drawing. Prizes awarded in September and October.
- Visit coronavirus.dc.gov/incentives to learn more.