



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DCPS Monthly Telephone Townhall Updates

January 2022



#SafeReturn

Thank You for Joining Us

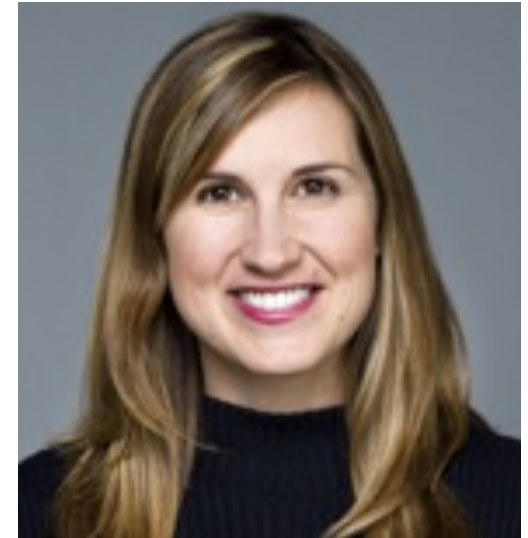
DCPS is prioritizing the health and safety of all our students!



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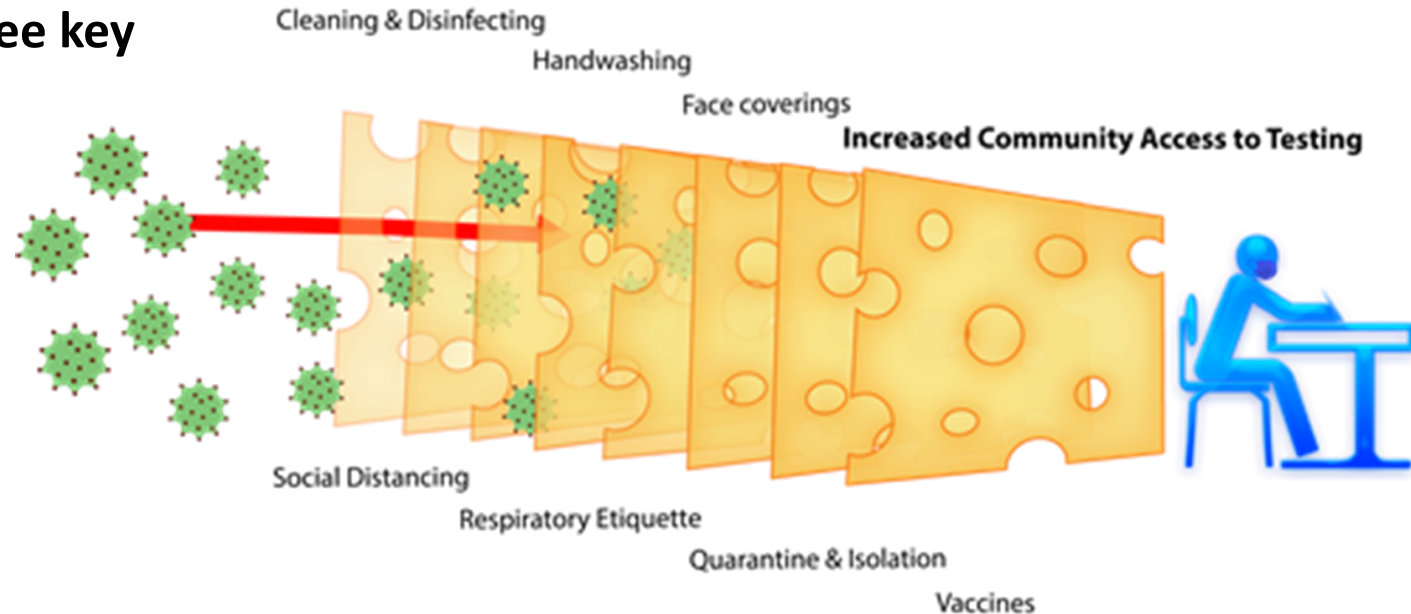
DCPS COVID-19 Screening Expansion Efforts



Maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, students, and families is our top priority.

Our mitigation strategy has been built on three key pillars: prevent, screen, and inform.

- 1. Preventing** the spread of COVID-19
- 2. Screening** for COVID-19 symptoms
- 3. Keeping** our families and staff **informed**



DCPS COVID-19 Screening and Testing Expansion Protocols

DCPS COVID-19 Screening Expansion



Safe Return Testing for all students and staff before returning from February and April breaks



Weekly Testing for All Pre-K and Kindergarten Students beginning Monday, January 17



Mail-Home Tests for students and staff identified as close contacts



Routine Asymptomatic Testing of at least 20 percent of students

1. Safe Return Testing
2. Early Childhood Weekly Testing
3. Mail-Home Testing for Close Contacts
4. Routine Asymptomatic Testing

Safe Return Testing



Safe Return Testing for all students and staff before returning from February and April breaks

- ✓ Before the return to the classroom **after the February and April instructional breaks**, students and staff will be required to test and upload their results to our Safe Return portal.
- ✓ **Test kits will be sent home with students prior to the holiday break.** Additional guidance will be provided prior to the February holiday.



COVID-19 Test Self Reporting Portal

Please complete the form below to report COVID-19 test results. Upon completion of the form, a member of DC Health may contact you.

First Name *

Last Name *

Phone *

Provide a telephone number

Student or Staff *

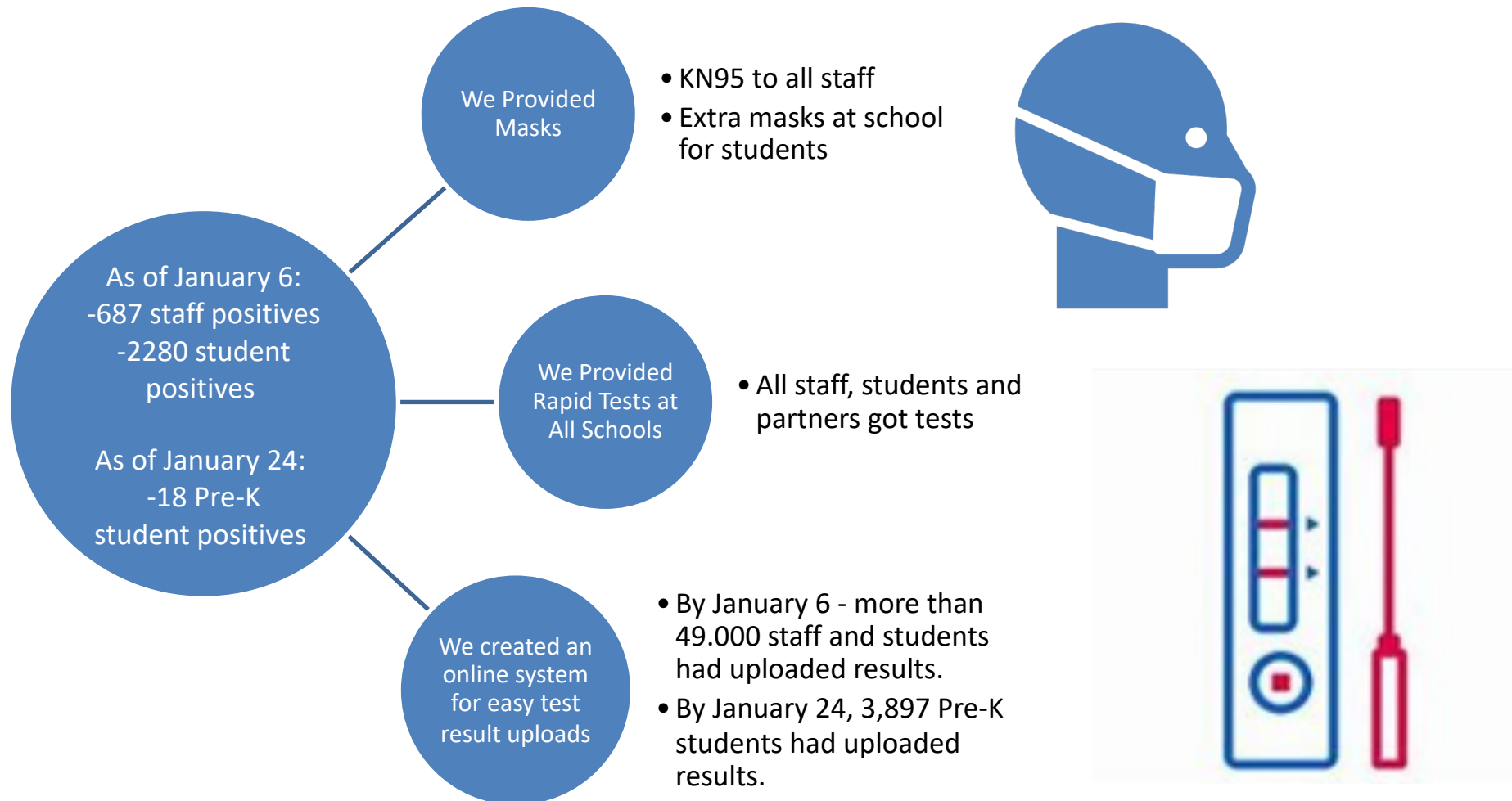
Email *

School (type to search and then select) *

Please provide 3 or more characters of the school's name.



Test to Return Implementation Update



Weekly Testing for Our Youngest Learners



Weekly COVID-19 Testing For Pre-K & K Students



On Friday, a COVID-19 test kit will be sent home in your child's backpack.



On Sunday, administer your child's test following the directions provided, or use a PCR or over-the-counter test.



Upload a photo of your student's test result to dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing.

Test-to-Stay Pilot Program (Launched this Week)

DCPS PREKINDERGARTEN TEST-TO-STAY PILOT PROGRAM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Pre-K students take at-home rapid tests and upload results online.• Students who test positive during weekly testing begin isolation period.• Families are notified of any reported positive cases from weekly testing in their classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-K students who tested negative may attend school.• Pre-K students who are close contacts of a positive case from weekly testing will receive a verbal and visual health screening by a trained health professional to check for any symptoms of COVID-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A trained health professional will administer a rapid antigen test to all students in an impacted classroom.• If a student tests positive from that rapid test, they will be moved to the health isolation room and parents will be contacted to pick them up from school.

If you opt out of the Pre-K Test to Stay pilot program, your unvaccinated child must quarantine for a full 10 days and not attend school in person. Families in impacted classrooms can request at-home PCR tests mailed to your residence by visiting dcpsreopenstrong.com/testing.



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PLEASE NOTE

Mail-Home Testing for Close Contacts



Mail-Home Tests for students and staff identified as close contacts

- ✓ **Students and staff who are identified as close contacts can request test kits** be mailed directly to their home after exposure to a positive individual within our schools. Instructions are included in the close contact letter provided by the school.
- ✓ **Additionally, staff can sign up to receive a weekly PCR test mailed to their home.**

Routine Asymptomatic Testing



Routine Asymptomatic Testing
of at least 20 percent of students

Each week, **all 116 schools** **conduct asymptomatic testing**, working to test at least 20 percent of our student population.



We Will Continue our **Ask, Ask, Look** Daily Health Screening

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*:

Any **one red flag** symptom:

- New or worsening cough, shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fever


OR any **two** of the following symptoms:

- Chills
- Unusual amount of tiredness
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Runny Nose and Congestions
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting


*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 your child if they have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19 in the last 10 days?

3. Look for signs of illness. Does the child have visible signs of illness such as flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness?



- If your child has answered "yes" to any question, or you observe signs of illness: **STAY HOME.**
- Contact your healthcare provider or DC Health.
- Follow your school's attendance reporting protocol.



- If your child has answered "no" to all questions and shows no signs of illness: **STUDENT MAY ATTEND SCHOOL THAT DAY**

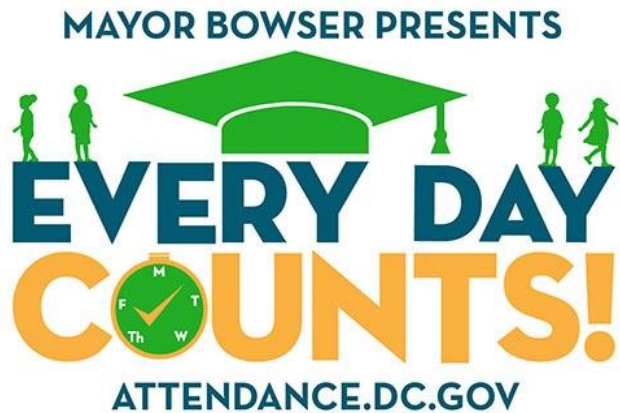
Upon arrival to school, each student will:

- Use the hand sanitizer station,
- Receive a face mask if they do not have one and
- Go through another wellness check by school staff.

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.

Attendance Reporting During a Quarantine

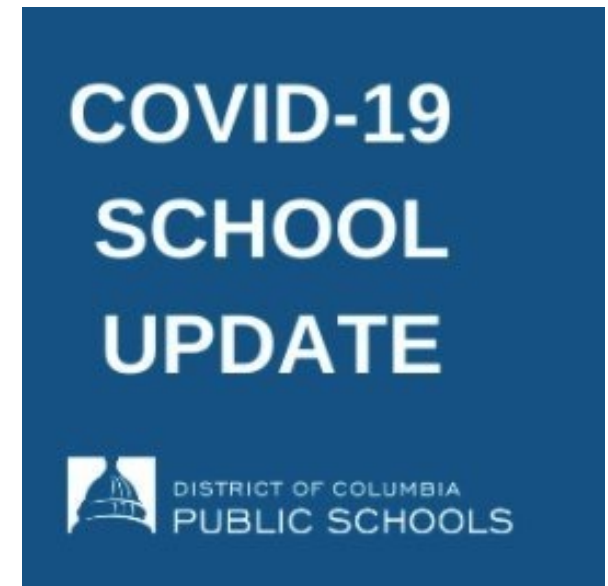


- ✓ For students who are required to quarantine but not at the direction of DCPS (e.g., because a family member tested positive for COVID-19 and they were contacted by a contact tracer), the parent/guardian must provide written documentation of the quarantine.
- ✓ The written note must include the date of COVID-19 exposure; the length of time the student has been directed to quarantine by a medical professional or contact tracer; and the name, organization, and contact information of the medical professional or contract tracer.

Please note, students required to quarantine at the direction of DCPS do not need to provide documentation. **Beginning January 18,** Pre-K students who have not completed testing will not be permitted entry and their absence will be excused for up to 10 calendar days, but if a student is absent for five (5) or more consecutive days, further official documentation is required, besides a parent note.

Staying Informed on COVID-19 Cases

- ✓ Prior to the winter break, we announced that community notices sent to school communities will include a total number of COVID-19 cases reported to the school each day.
- ✓ You can now view each day's totals at dcpsreopenstrong.com/updates.
- ✓ This information is based on cases initially reported to schools prior to 11:00 a.m. that day.
- ✓ Community notices will be sent Sunday through Friday, except for school holidays.
- ✓ Final verified case counts will continue to be available at coronavirus.dc.gov/page/dc-schools-data.



DCPS Vaccination Clinics –January and February

DCPS COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS • JANUARY 2022

It's now easy for the whole family to get vaccinated together! At clinics across the city, students 5 and up can get vaccinated, and accompanying adults can receive their first shot or a booster shot. No appointment needed.

Monday 1/3	Tuesday 1/4 Mann ES	Wednesday 1/5 Noyes ES	Thursday 1/6 Murch ES	Friday 1/7 H.D. Cooke ES	Saturday 1/8 Whittier ES Payne ES
Monday 1/10 Excel Academy	Tuesday 1/11 Burroughs ES	Wednesday 1/12 Barnard ES Tubman ES	Thursday 1/13 Thomson ES	Friday 1/14 Janney ES Van Ness ES Garrison ES Dorothy Height ES	Saturday 1/15 Kimball ES
Monday 1/17	Tuesday 1/18 Kimball ES Thomson ES	Wednesday 1/19 Bruce-Monroe ES	Thursday 1/20 Marie Reed ES Murch ES	Friday 1/21 Bancroft ES LaSalle-Backus ES Takoma ES	Saturday 1/22 Lafayette ES
Monday 1/24	Tuesday 1/25 Mann ES	Wednesday 1/26 Noyes ES	Thursday 1/27 Murch ES	Friday 1/28 H.D. Cooke ES	Saturday 1/29 Whittier ES Payne ES

Monday - Friday from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DCPS COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS • FEBRUARY 2022

It's now easy for the whole family to get vaccinated together! At clinics across the city, students 5 and up can get vaccinated, and accompanying adults can receive their first shot or a booster shot. No appointment needed.

Monday 1/31 Excel Academy	Tuesday 2/1 Burroughs ES	Wednesday 2/2 Barnard ES Tubman ES	Thursday 2/3 Thomson ES	Friday 2/4 Dorothy Height ES Garrison ES Janney ES Van Ness ES	Saturday 2/5 Kimball ES
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Monday - Friday from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Centers are Up and Running



At the District's COVID Centers, **individuals will have access to vaccinations, boosters, and take-home rapid antigen tests as well as a new walk-up testing opportunity** which will allow residents to administer and register a PCR test themselves.

COVID CENTERS

DATE	TIME	WARD	ADDRESS
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	10:00AM - 8:00PM	1	800 Euclid Street NW
	10:00AM - 8:00PM	2	926 F Street NW
	10:00AM - 8:00PM	5	2350 Washington Place NE, Ste 105-N
	10:00AM - 8:00PM	6	507 8 th Street SE
	10:00AM - 8:00PM	7	3925 Minnesota Avenue NE
	10:00AM - 8:00PM	8	3640 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue SE

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Join Us Today @6pm


COVID-19 Vaccinations for Young Women and Girls

TOWN HALL

Join a virtual town hall with Howard University College of Medicine. HUCM students and staff will answer questions from young women and girls around the COVID-19 vaccine.

Wednesday, January 26 | 6:00 PM

Link to join: tinyurl.com/HUVaxTownHall



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