DCPS Monthly Telephone Townhall Updates
April 2022

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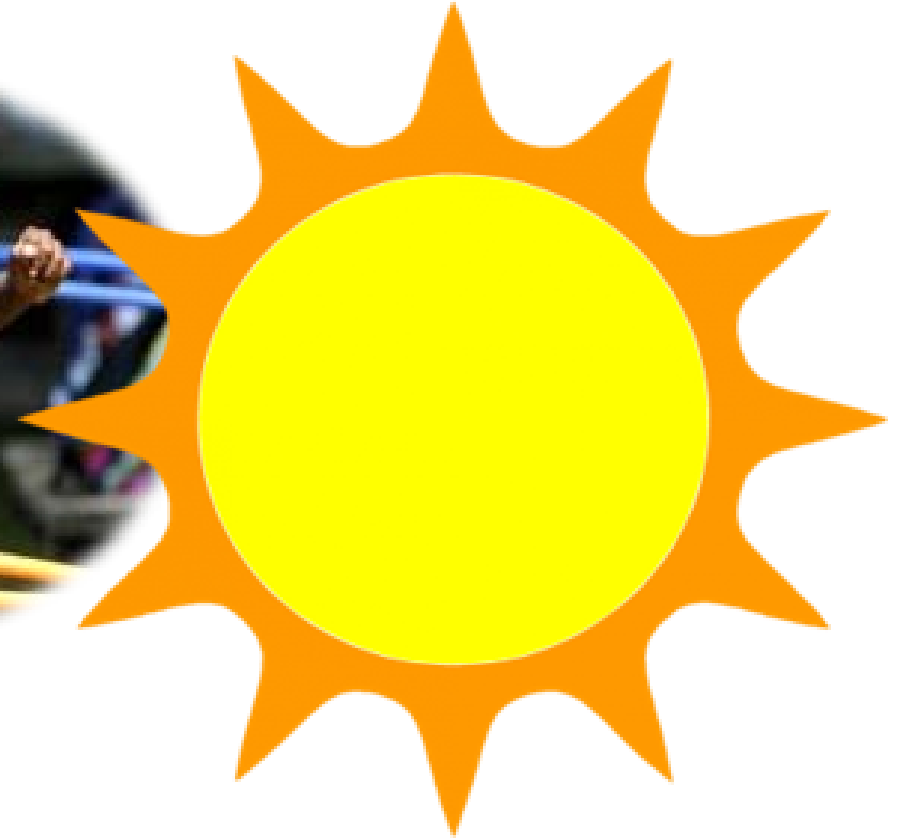
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Summer is Coming! Why Summer Learning at DCPS?

- Academic (literacy, math) and non-academic (sports, drama, arts) enrichment
- Create and strengthen relationships with peers and adults
- Programming is *free of charge*

Elementary Summer Programming Overview

- **Elementary Acceleration**
  - Current PK4 – 4th grade students
  - Open to all students

- **English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP) July 11-August 5**
  - Current PK4 – 4th grade EL students
  - Invitation only (For students beginning their English language development)

- **Extended School Year (ESY) July 11-August 5**
  - Current PK – 5th grade students
  - Invitation only

Typical Day!

- Arrival and community building
- Hands on, enriching academic instruction
- Lunch
- Non-academic enrichment
- Daily wrap up and dismissal

Elementary Summer Acceleration Sites

Tubman*	Marie Reed	Cleveland	Janney	Barnard*	Takoma*
Bruce Monroe Bancroft Raymond	Ross HD Cooke Oyster Adams	Garrison Seaton Thomson SWWFS Hyde Addison	Murch Hearst Mann Key Stoddert Eaton Lafayette	Dorothy Height Powell	Wittier Shepherd LaSalle-Backus
Bunker Hill	Browne	JO Wilson	Watkins	Randle Highlands	Burrville
Burroughs Langdon Noyes	SWS @ Goding Langley Wheatley	Walker Jones Capitol Hill Montessori Ludlow Taylor Miner	Brent Amidon Bowen Tyler Payne Maury Van Ness	Kimball Beers	Drew Aiton Houston Thomas
Savoy	Garfield	King	Hendley	JC Nalle	Brightwood*
Excel Ketcham Boone	Turner Moten Stanton	Malcolm X Simon	Patterson Leckie	Plummer CW Harris Smothers	John Lewis Truesdell

Middle School Summer Programming Overview

- **Middle School Acceleration**
  - Current 6th- 8th grade students
  - Open to all students
- **English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP)**
  - Current 5th -8th grade EL students
  - Invitation only (For students beginning their English language development)
- **Extended School Year (ESY) July 11-August 5**
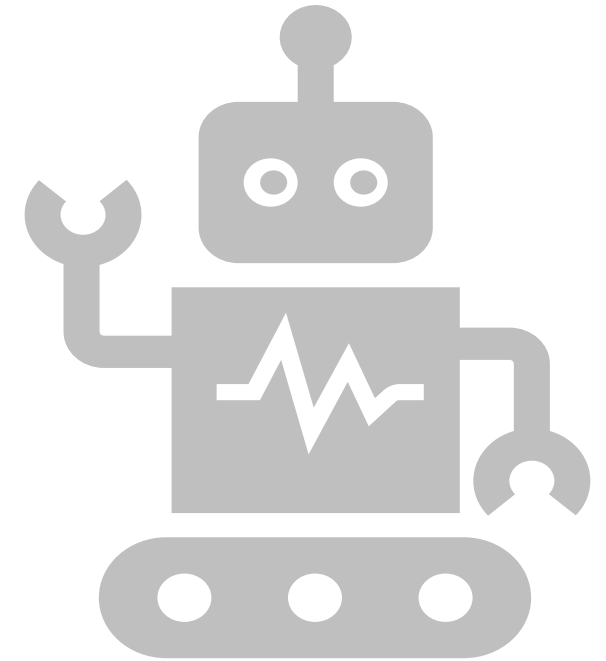 - Current 6th- 8th grade students
  - Invitation only

Typical Day!
- Arrival and community building
- Hands on, enriching academic instruction (ELA, Math, Science, SS)
- Lunch
- Daily wrap up and dismissal

Middle School Specialty Programming

Enrichment Programming
- Algebra Accelerator I, II, III
- Career and Technical Education Programs:
  - Coding, Programming, Robotics and Graphic Design
- Original Credit Accelerator:
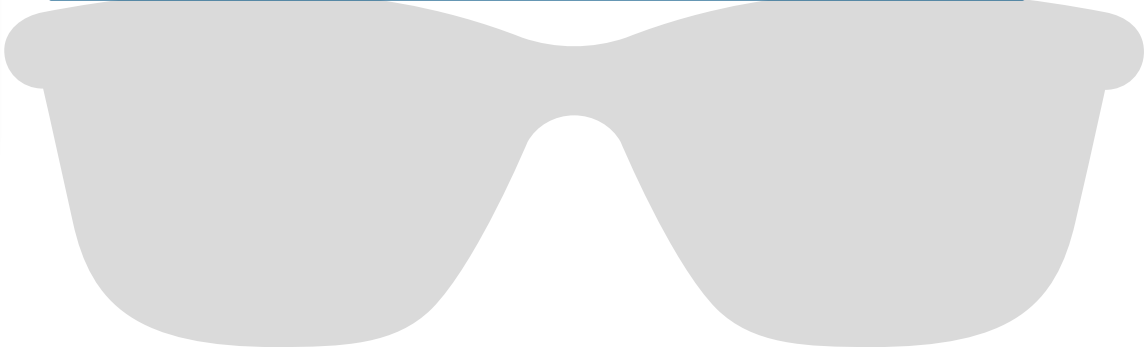 - Algebra 1 & Spanish: Earn HS Credit!

High School Summer School Program Overview

- **High School Programming**
  - Current 9th – 12th grade students in need of credit recovery
  - Summer Youth Employment Program
  - Summer Bridge (rising 9th grade students)
- **English Learner Summer Academic Program (ELSAP)**
  - Current 8th - 12th grade EL students
  - Language development, original credit and credit recovery options
- **Extended School Year (ESY) July 11-August 5**
  - Current 6th - 8th grade students
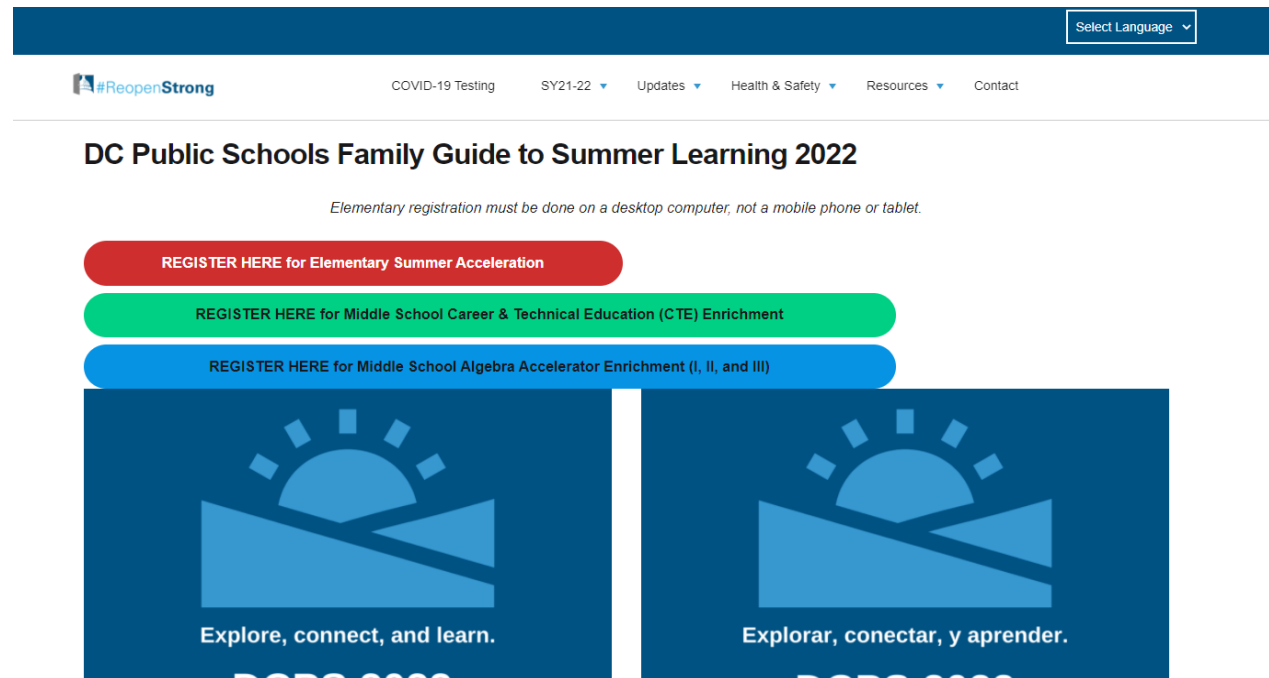 - Invitation only

Typical Day!
- Arrival (Breakfast is available)
- AM class (approximately 2.5 hours)
- Lunch
- PM class (approximately 2.5 hours)
(Students may take up to two courses)

How Do I Learn More and Where Do I Register?

https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/summer/

DCPS COVID-19 Screening and Testing Protocols

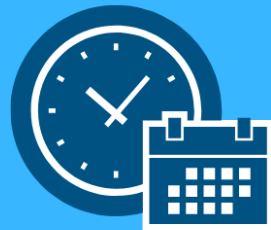## DCPS COVID-19 Screening Expansion

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

Weekly Testing for All Pre-K and Kindergarten Students

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

Routine Asymptomatic Testing

APRIL

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

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Safe Return Testing- Proof of a Negative Test is Required: Spring Break Update

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

Maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, students, and families is our top priority. In collaboration with our health partners, it was determined that requiring 100% of students and staff to test prior to returning to school was a critical strategy to reducing the spread of COVID in our schools.

Test to Return Process Overview

#SafeReturn

1

Pick up a COVID-19 rapid antigen test at your school.

Tests will be distributed by Friday, April 8.

You can also pick up a rapid test at other public sites around the city.

Updated 4/1/22

#SafeReturn

2

Take the at-home test on Monday, April 18

Follow the instructions provided in your kit.

Updated 4/1/22

#SafeReturn

3

Upload proof of your negative test results to dcpsreopenstrong.com /safereturn by Monday, April 18 at 9:00 pm.

Set a reminder on your calendar to complete this step!

Updated 4/1/22

#SafeReturn

4

Continue to monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19.

Get vaccinated.

Receive your booster.

Wear a mask.

Stay home if you are feeling sick.

Reporting Your Child's Test Results

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.

Problems submitting the results?
- ✓ Call (202) 442-5885
- ✓ Press 1 to be connected to the DCPS Family & Student Tech Call Center.

Visit dcpsreopenstrong.com/safereturn by 9:00 pm on Monday, April 18

Enter your child's name, address, a contact email, a contact phone number, their school, the date of their test and their test results

Upload a photo or pdf of your results

What if my child tests positive?

✓ Please upload your positive results in the database and begin isolating immediately.

✓ All individuals **regardless of vaccination status** or **recent COVID infections must isolate**, if they test positive.

✓ There is **no option to reverse a positive test** result with additional testing.
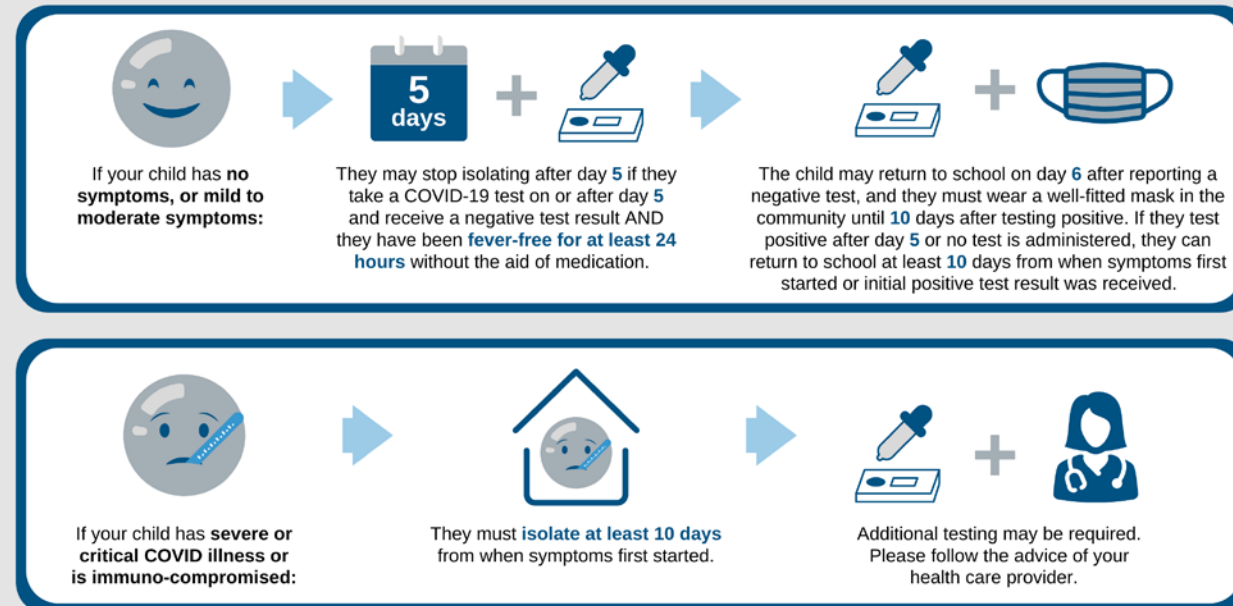
When can my child return to school, if they test positive for COVID?

If you were initially asymptomatic and start to have symptoms, your isolation period starts over from the date of onset of symptoms.

School Health & Safety Updates

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effective March 16, 2022

Masks will be optional for students, staff, and visitors in DC Public Schools, DCPS offices, and on OSSE-DOT transportation. This policy will apply to all school-related activities. Students and staff are welcome to continue to wear a mask if they choose, and we will actively promote a climate where this choice is respected.

Our layered mitigation strategy remains in effect. Schools will continue enhanced air filtration efforts and cleaning protocols, symptom screening at the door, and our symptomatic and asymptomatic at-school testing program.

The isolation (should you test positive) and quarantine (should you be determined a close contact) time periods are now adjusted. For most scenarios, an individual can take a COVID test on day 5, and return to school on day 6 if they test negative and not have any symptoms.

We will continue to notify the community of positive reported cases at school and provide instructions to individuals identified as close contacts.

Getting the COVID-19 vaccine is best way to protect yourself and others. It is essential for our students to be fully up to date on their vaccines, including their booster shots, to protect themselves from COVID-19 AND to remain in the classroom if they are identified as a close contact of an individual with COVID-19.

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Actualizaciones de salud y seguridad escolar

Efectivo el 16 de marzo de 2022

Las máscaras serán ahora opcionales para los estudiantes, el personal y los visitantes en las escuelas públicas de DC, las oficinas de DCPS y en el transporte de OSSE-DOT. Se aplica a todas las actividades relacionadas con la escuela. Todos nuestros alumnos y personal son bienvenidos a seguir usando una máscara si así lo desean, y promoveremos activamente un ambiente en el que se respete esta elección.

Nuestra estrategia de mitigación por niveles sigue vigente. Continuaremos con nuestros esfuerzos de filtración de aire y protocolos de limpieza mejorados, la detección de síntomas en la puerta y nuestro programa de pruebas sintomáticas y asintomáticas en la escuela.

Los periodos de aislamiento (en caso de que dé positivo) y de cuarentena (en caso de que se determine que es un contacto cercano) se han acortado. Para la mayoría de los escenarios, una persona puede hacerse una prueba de COVID el día 5 y regresar a la escuela el día 6 si da negativo y no tiene ningún síntoma.

Seguiremos notificando a la comunidad los casos positivos registrados en la escuela y dando instrucciones a las personas identificadas como contactos cercanos.

Vacunarse contra el COVID-19 es la mejor manera de protegerse a sí mismo y a los demás. Es esencial que nuestros estudiantes estén completamente al día con sus vacunas, incluyendo sus vacunas de refuerzo, para protegerse de COVID-19 Y para permanecer en el aula si son identificados como un contacto cercano de un individuo con COVID-19.

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April 1 Kicked Off DCPS Enrollment Season!

Why DCPS?

Enrollment Overview and Process

1. **Know which school to enroll in.**
   - Identify your in-boundary or feeder school
   - Re-enroll in your current DCPS school
   - Review your lottery results
2. **Gather necessary supporting documentation for upload as needed:**

   <u>NEW</u> to any DCPS school
   - *One proof of age* – examples include a birth certificate, hospital records, previous school records, passport, or baptismal certificate
   - *Proof of DC residency* – see the Residency Form(link is external) for a complete list of acceptable documents and verification method.
   - *Home language survey* – see Enrollment Form for this survey

   <u>RETURNING</u> to your current DCPS school
   - *Proof of DC residency* – see the Residency Form(link is external) for a complete list of acceptable documents and verification methods
3. **Complete the SY21-22 electronic submission enrollment packet electronically or in-person at your school.**

Need Help? Visit <u>EnrollDCPS.dc.gov</u> or contact your school or <u>enroll@k12.dc.gov</u>.

A Call to Action!! April is Enrollment Month – Join Us!!

Enroll Now!
- ✓ Secure seats in afterschool programs.
- ✓ Getting the preferred class schedule for your student.
- ✓ Enrolling early helps schools do even more thorough and thoughtful planning.
- ✓ Enroll now so you don't have to do so during the summer!