



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



#Recover**Strong**

DCPS School Year 2021-22 Reopening Townhall

#RecoverStrong Telephone Townhall

May 2021

Thank You for Joining Us

DCPS is ready to open our doors this fall for all students and families!



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Our Doors are Open! SY 21-22 DCPS Reopening Plans



DCPS will reopen fully for all students on August 30, 2021. In-person learning will take place every day for every student. We cannot wait to see you!

Enroll today at enrolldcps.dc.gov.

- ✓ In the fall, DCPS will fully reopen with in-person learning for all students every day
- ✓ All teachers will be back in school and teaching in their classrooms
- ✓ Health and safety precautions will continue to be in place for students and staff
- ✓ In-person learning means DCPS can stay the course on our roadmap to recovery. Our students, families, and staff are counting on us to meet this urgency to fully reopen.

Supports to Reopen Schools

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds

Purpose:

- ✓ Help LEAs return to in-person instruction and maximize in-person instructional time
- ✓ Sustain the safe operation of schools
- ✓ Address academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts of pandemic

Preliminary Ideas of How DCPS is Thinking About Allocating Funding....

COVID-19 Health and Safety	Academic Interventions	Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health	School Technology	Educator Professional Development	Family and Student Engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. Cleaning Supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. Tutoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. Mentoring• E.g. Counseling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. Student Devices• E.g. Teacher Devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. Expanded Learning Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.g. School Wellness Checks• E.g. Home Visits

We are Working with our Families and Staff to #RecoverStrong

The Recovery Community Corps is a diverse group of stakeholders consisting of parents, teachers, school staff, and community members, plus student voices.

There will be one at every school and will inform planning for this summer and beyond.



Family and Staff Listening Sessions



Building Tours, Videos and Classroom Photos



Conversations with Health Professionals



Welcome Back ECE Playdates, Enrollment and Community Events

Join Us this Summer and Enroll for the Fall

There are **Summer Opportunities For All Grades**

- ✓ There are online enrichment programs and in-person Acceleration Academies at all schools
- ✓ We have expanded enrichment and summer learning fun for up to 19,000 students
- ✓ Most programs run between July 6-August 6

SUMMER LEARNING AT DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACCELERATION ACADEMIES
New in 2021 for grades PK-12.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Grades 3-8.

EARLY LITERACY
Grades K-2.

ENGLISH LEARNERS SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAM (ELSAP)
Grades K-12.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY)
Grades PK-12.

COURSES FOR CREDIT
Grades 7-12.

Complete Your DCPS Enrollment for SY 2021-2022 Today!

- 1 Complete the DCPS enrollment packet.
- 2 Provide proof of DC residency.
- 3 Submit your completed enrollment packet to your DCPS school.

Questions? Contact your school or visit enrolldcps.dc.gov.

We Will Continue to Prioritize Health and Safety Our Buildings Are Ready!

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) & Hygiene Supplies

General PPE supplies, like masks, will be provided for students and staff. Additional PPE supplies will also be available for staff who are in closer interaction with students and staff. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be provided to all schools.

Cleaning Supplies & Procedures

Schools will receive deep cleaning prior to start of school year. Schools will continue to receive daily enhanced cleaning and, also, deep cleaning per DC Health recommendations.

HVAC Enhancements

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

Classroom Set-Up

Classrooms and supporting spaces will be set-up to reduce close interactions

Water Access

Fountain spouts will continue to be turned off; alternate water sources will be available for staff and students (water bottles, water coolers, etc.)

Signage

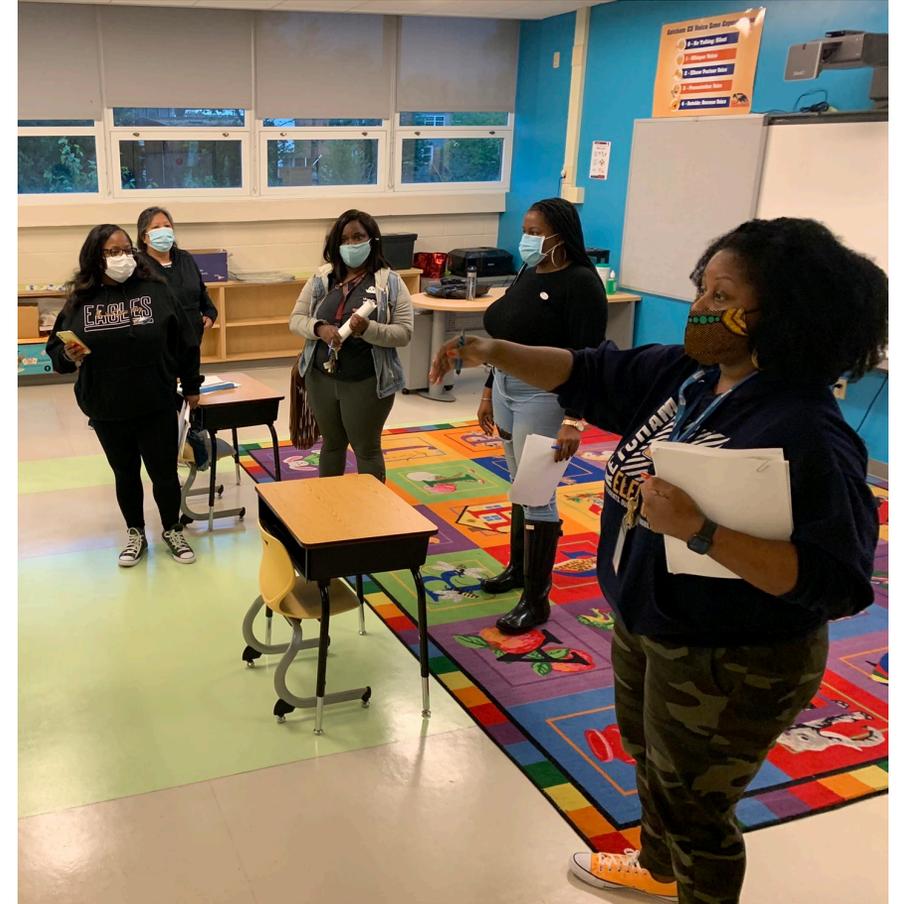
Posted in arrival spaces and hallways

Plumbing Systems

DCPS and DGS continue to address plumbing needs to ensure schools are ready to welcome students and staff

Ensuring Building Readiness Together

School leaders will continue to host **building tours** with members of their community to show first-hand how we are ready to welcome back students and staff.



Prioritizing Safety-Summer Preparations

Investments and Improvements Already in Place	Investments and Improvements this Summer
<p>\$24 Million investment to increase the air change rates and filtration provided by HVAC systems to reduce airborne concentrations of COVID-19</p>	<p>Continued maintenance and monitoring of HVAC systems, including filter replacements and indoor air quality sensors</p>
<p>All classrooms across the DCPS portfolio received a portable medical grade HEPA filter- 3,000 HEPA filters provided</p>	<p>Continued use of HEPA filters in all classrooms and filters changes per manufacturer recommendations</p>
<p>Cleaning protocols in place; enhanced cleaning conducted daily and deep cleaning conducted per DC Health recommendations</p>	<p>Continued regular daily enhanced cleaning and deep cleaning per DC Health recommendations</p>
<p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided to all schools</p>	<p>Continued coordination for procurement of PPE and routine delivery to all schools</p>

Metro – How We've Ensured Safety and Health Precautions are in Place



Metro has taken steps to protect the health and safety of the public and our frontline employees with:

- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of trains, buses, and stations with mopping, wiping down high-touch surfaces or using electrostatic foggers
- Regular deep cleaning of stations
- Immediate disinfection of a train, bus or station once Metro receives a report of bodily fluids or an ill customer on the system
- Buses being equipped with Bus Operator safety shields to provide a physical barrier separating the Operator's compartment from customers

COVID-19 Recovery Plan

Multi-Phase Approach – Progressing Through Managed Re-Entry



Stay at home orders in effect

Protect employees and advise most customers to avoid travel

Stay at home orders relaxed

Protect employees, ask customers to protect themselves, deliver trips for essential employment

Schools restart; scale back telework

Office workforce returns in limited numbers
Ramp up service in advance of demand



Today

Treatments and/or vaccine widely available

Restore service for return of economic activity

Post-pandemic behavior patterns

Lingering behavioral changes unknown
Lessons from COVID-19 incorporated to make new service more resilient



COVID-19 Recovery Activities

Protecting the Public

- Bus and Railcar Air Filtration Pilot Projects
 - FTA Grant for Railcar R&D project
- Proactive and Responsive Cleaning Protocols
- Facial Covering and Hand Sanitizer Distribution
- Touchless Fare Collection
- Real-time Crowding Information

Protecting our Workforce

- Mobile Testing Events
 - Upcoming Events in ~2 week cycles
- Vaccination Coordination
- Safety Kit Distribution
- Office Re-Entry Guideline Updates
- Visitor Screening Portal



Covid-19 Resources

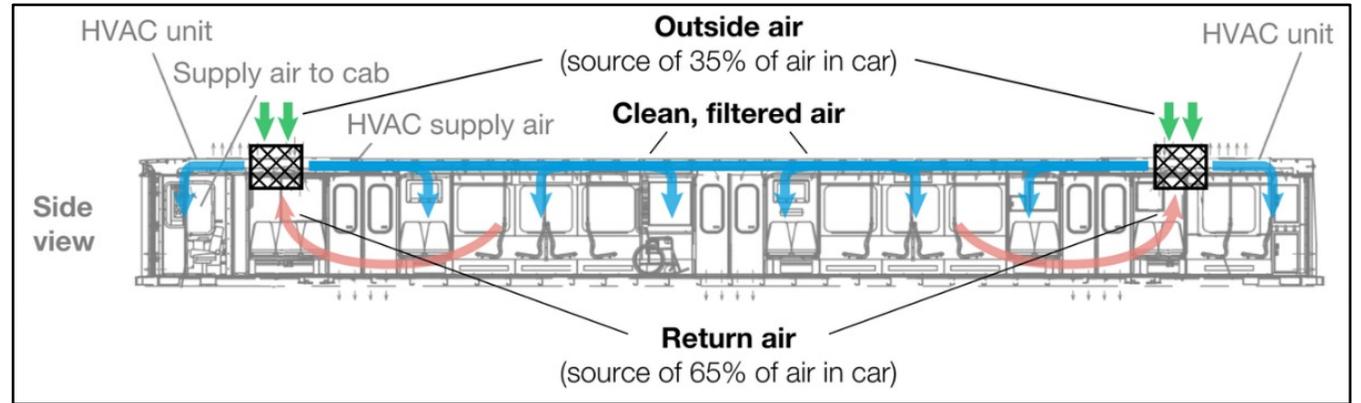
Covid-19 One-Stop-Shop

Welcome to the one-stop-shop for Covid-19 updates. Here, you'll find important safety alerts and other information regarding this dynamic situation and the steps we're taking to help mitigate the effects of Covid-19 on employees. This page will continue to be updated as the situation evolves.

SAFETY BULLETINS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 21-01a - Covid-19 Visitor Screening Questionnaire• SB 20-10a - Requesting Installation of Physical Barriers• SB 20-09a - PPE Office Guidelines• SB 20-08 - Reporting COVID-19 Results & Cleaning• SB 20-05 - Cleaning/Disinfecting with PPE• SB 20-04 - Home Office Ergonomics	COVID-19 UPDATES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 01.12.21: Special Update from the Pandemic Task Force• 12.07.20: Pandemic Task Force Office Guidelines• 11.24.20: Order Covid-19 Employee Safety Kits• 11.12.20: Need a Test, Get a Test• 11.02.20: Covid-19 Safety Toolkits, Tabs• 10.26.20: Recovery and Budget FAQs Edition 4• 10.23.20: Covid-19 Exterior-Facing Screening Sign• 10.15.20: Covid-19 Barrier Request Form• 09.11.20: Covid-19 Printable Safety Signage• 08.31.20: Pandemic Task Force Office Guidelines (Revised)• 08.24.20: Send Us Your Questions• 08.21.20: Managed Re-entry FAQs Edition 3• 07.23.20: Update From the Pandemic Task Force• 06.05.20: Special Covid-19 Update from CCO line 1a	VISITOR SCREENING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register a Visitor
SAFETY ALERTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SA 20-12a - Covid-19 Update IX - Travel to High-Risk Areas• SA 20-12 - Covid-19 Update IX - Travel to High-Risk Areas• SA 20-11a - Covid-19 Update VIII - Travel to High-Risk Areas	COVID-19 SELF REPORTING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submit Your Health Status	EMPLOYEE RIGHTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded FMLA and Paid Sick Leave Benefits

Air Ventilation and Filtration

- Metrorail cars complete a full air change approximately every three minutes
 - Upgrading to MERV-9 filters and piloting MERV-13 filters and UVC systems, supported by an FTA grant received earlier this year



- Stations and facilities upgraded to MERV-13 filters and are piloting the use of MERV-15 filters
- On buses, new air enters frequently as the doors open and close at each stop
 - Upgraded to MERV-7 filters and are working with the vendor to move to MERV-10 as soon as possible, while also piloting additional air purification enhancements
- Following ventilation guidance closely and working to increase filtration levels and airflow further and continue to require face masks throughout the system

Health and Safety Updates



- ✓ Get vaccinated and encourage friends and family to get vaccinated
- ✓ Follow CDC mask guidance
- ✓ Practice good hygiene and stay home and get tested when you feel sick



COVID-19 Vaccine Walk-Up Vaccination Sites

- 1** **Arena Stage (Pfizer)**
1101 6th Street, SW
Thur. - Sun. | 8am - 12pm, 1pm - 5pm
- 2** **Fort Stanton Recreation Center (Pfizer)**
1812 Erie Street, SE
May 3 - May 6 and May 10 - May 13 | 9am - 1pm
May 24 - May 27 | 2pm - 7pm
- 3** **Kenilworth Recreation Center (Moderna)**
4321 Ord Street, NE
Tues., Wed., Fri. | 10am - 4pm
- 4** **Lamond Recreation Center (Pfizer)**
20 Tuckerman Street, NE
May 5 - May 8 | 9am - 1pm
May 12 - 15, 19 - 22, 26 - 29 | 2pm - 7pm
- 5** **Langdon Park Community Center (Pfizer)**
2901 20th Street, NE
May 3 - May 6 and May 10 - May 13 | 9am - 1pm
May 24 - May 27 | 2pm - 7pm
- 6** **Providence Health System (Moderna)**
1150 Varnum Street, NE
Mon. - Thur. | 9am - 3pm

- 7** **RISE Demonstration Center (Pfizer)**
2730 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE
Mon. - Sat. | 9am - 12pm, 1pm - 5pm
- 8** **Rosedale Recreation Center (Pfizer)**
1701 Gales Street, NE
May 3 | 9am - 1pm; May 6 - 8, 10, 13 - 15,
17, 20 - 22, 24 | 2pm - 7pm; May 27 - 29 |
9am - 1pm
- 9** **Turkey Thicket Rec Center (Moderna)**
1100 Michigan Avenue, NE
Tues., Wed., Fri. | 10am - 4pm
- 10** **UDC (Moderna)**
4225 Connecticut Avenue, NW
May 5, 6, 12, 14, 19, 20 | 9am - 2pm
- 11** **Walter E. Washington Convention Center**
L Street, North Entrance - between 7th and 9th Street, NW
Mon. & Fri. | 7:30am - 6:30pm (Pfizer)
Tues. - Thurs. | 7:30am - 3:30pm (Pfizer)
Sat. & Sun. | 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 6:30pm (Moderna)
- 12** **United Medical Center (Moderna)**
1310 Southern Avenue, SE
Tues. - Sun. | 10am - 2pm



Immunizations Reminder

- It's important to note- **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.
- **Students without immunization documentation will not be admitted.**

STAY ON TRACK!



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



All DC students *must* be up to date on their immunizations before next school year!

Students who have not received their required pediatric immunizations may be removed from in-person instruction and activities until they receive the required immunizations and provide documentation to the school.

TAKE THESE THREE STEPS NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR CHILD IS READY!

1

SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT
Schedule your child's annual wellness visit today, and ask your healthcare provider to complete the Universal Health Certificate. If your child receives an immunization during the visit, ask for written proof of the immunization that you can share with your school.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED ALL OF THEIR IMMUNIZATIONS
Not sure if your child has received all of their required immunizations? Ask your primary care provider, and request a copy of your child's immunization history to share with your school.

2

3

SUBMIT IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTS TO YOUR SCHOOL
Submit the Universal Health Certificate and any other immunization documents to your child's school to guarantee they are ready for next school year. Not sure if your child's school has all the immunization documents they need? Call the school and ask today!

For more information:
OSSE: (202) 727-6436 | DC Health: (202) 576-7130 | bit.ly/DCIAP



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Five Key Mitigation Strategies

The health and safety guidance for schools is anchored in the 5 key mitigation strategies recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Universal and correct use of masks;
- Physical distancing;
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; and
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.