1. Expanding testing
2. Reinstating the indoor mask mandate
3. Instituting DC Government vaccine mandate, to include boosters
4. COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Centers
5. DCPS Winter Break return, distribution of rapid tests
6. Do Your Part
7. Citywide vaccine requirements
## COVID-19 Key Metrics Summary Table

Data through December 27, 2021

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<tr>
<th>Weekly Case Rate per 100,000 population</th>
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<th>Fully Vaccinated DC residents</th>
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<td>Recent Value 1,915.2</td>
<td>273.6</td>
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COVID-19 METRICS: HOSPITAL UTILIZATION

Hospital Utilization, December 2021

Hospital Capacity Utilization (Acute Care)

Adult ICU Beds Available

Pediatric ICU Beds Available

Adult Ventilators Available

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December 29, 2021
COVID-19 Related Inpatient Hospitalizations, December 2021
$15 Million Grant Initiative

To support COVID-related increased staffing costs:

- $5 million base funding (% of Operating Bed)
- $10 million variable funding (% increase in expenditure)
  - Model weights towards smaller hospitals

  Approximately a quarter of staff are currently out on isolation or quarantine

  More than twice as many Traveler Nurses supporting hospitals than pre-pandemic

  $160-200 per hour for a Travel Nurse
MORE WASHINGTONIANS NEED TO GET BOOSTED

![Graph showing fully vaccinated coverage and percent of fully vaccinated with booster dose by age group.](Image)

- **Overall**: 66.4%
  - Full vacc.: 22.8%
  - Booster: 43.6%

**Age Groups**:
- 5-11: 15.9%
  - Full vacc.: 0.6%
  - Booster: 15.3%
- 12-15: 61.9%
  - Full vacc.: 0.3%
  - Booster: 61.6%
- 16-17: 62.0%
  - Full vacc.: 4.5%
  - Booster: 57.5%
- 18-24: 53.2%
  - Full vacc.: 8.5%
  - Booster: 44.7%
- 25-39: 70.4%
  - Full vacc.: 19.8%
  - Booster: 50.6%
- 40-49: 86.0%
  - Full vacc.: 21.6%
  - Booster: 64.4%
- 50-64: 88.4%
  - Full vacc.: 24.1%
  - Booster: 64.3%
- 65-74: 92.5%
  - Full vacc.: 42.3%
  - Booster: 50.2%
- 75+: 79.2%
  - Full vacc.: 46.0%
  - Booster: 33.2%
NO WAIT, SO DON’T WAIT

A Fast Pass to Get Vaxed

People 65 and older can move to the front of the line at District-operated walk-up vaccination sites.

WALK-UP VACCINATION SITES FOR
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

FREE COVID-19 vaccine | No appointment needed.

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<td>Fort Stanton Recreation Center 1812 Erie Street, SE</td>
<td>Pfizer (Ages 12+) &amp; Moderna (Ages 18+) &amp; Flu Shots (Ages 3+) 10am - 6pm</td>
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<td>Capitol View Neighborhood Library 5001 Central Avenue, SE</td>
<td>Pfizer (Ages 5+) &amp; Moderna (Ages 18+) &amp; J&amp;J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library 901 G Street, NW</td>
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<td>Pfizer (Ages 5+) &amp; Moderna (Ages 18+) &amp; J&amp;J (Ages 18+) 1pm - 7pm</td>
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People 5+ can get vaccinated (including boosters for 16+) at all sites listed in green. People 5-11 and accompanying adults can get vaccinated at purple sites.

Find appointments at pharmacies, clinics and health care providers across DC: Vaccines.gov

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TESTING, ISOLATION & QUARANTINE
DC is leading the nation in testing. Continue to use testing to know your status.

- **Washington, DC**
- **Maryland**
- **Virginia**
Since the Test Yourself Express program launched last Wednesday, DC Health has distributed more than 108,000 rapid antigen test kits to DC residents.

In the past two weeks, 16,989 rapid test results have been reported through [coronavirus.dc.gov/overthecounter](http://coronavirus.dc.gov/overthecounter).
After using a rapid at-home test, residents must report their results to DC Health at coronavirus.dc.gov/overthecounter
## Testing Schedule This Week

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<th>Rapid Antigen Pickup Sites</th>
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| **Wednesday, December 29** | Farragut Square | 8am-12pm  
Thrive DC | 12pm-4pm  
Engines 4, 11, 24, 31 | 2:30pm-7:30pm  
All Test Yourself Express library locations | 12pm-8pm |
| **Thursday, December 30** | Farragut Square | 8am-12pm  
Douglass Community Center | 12pm-4pm  
Engines 8, 10, 30, 33 | 2:30pm-7:30pm  
Benning Stoddert Rec Center | 3pm-7pm | All Test Yourself Express library locations 12pm-8pm |
| **Friday, December 31** | CLOSED                                         | Engines 4, 8, 31, 33 | 12pm-4pm |
| **Saturday, January 1** | CLOSED                                         | Engines 4, 8, 31, 33 | 12pm-4pm |
| **Sunday, January 2** | Rumsey Aquatic Center | 12pm-4pm                                    | Engines 4, 8, 31, 33 | 12pm-4pm |

More information and addresses can be found on coronavirus.dc.gov/testing
Per updated CDC guidance:

**Step 1:** Start isolating from other people.

**Step 2:** Report your results online.

**Step 3:** Continue to isolate for 5 days. If contacted by the DC Contact Trace Force, please cooperate.

**Step 4:** After isolating for 5 days, continue to wear a mask around other people (including members of your household) for another 5 days. Only leave isolation after 5 days if you have no fever **AND** you have no other symptoms **OR** symptoms are improving.
Regardless of vaccination status, a person who tests positive for COVID-19 can leave isolation 5 days after testing positive as long as they:

- Do not have a fever; AND
- Either have no symptoms OR their symptoms are improving; AND
- Wear a mask around other people for the next 5 days

Masks should be used consistently and properly during the five days after isolation. Ensure you wear a well-fitted mask that covers your nose and do not remove it while around other people.
If you are fully vaccinated AND boosted. (Or it has not yet been six months since your Moderna or Pfizer shots or two months since your J&J shot.)

• Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
• Test on day 5, if possible.

A close contact is someone who was less than 6 feet away from an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. For example, three individual 5-minute exposures to a positive individual for a total of 15 minutes.

If you are unvaccinated OR if you got the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine more than six months ago or the J&J shot more than two months ago and have not yet been boosted.

• **Stay home for 5 days.** After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
• If you can’t quarantine you must wear a mask for 10 days.
• Test on day 5, if possible.
Since the beginning of COVID, the District has enhanced investments and streamlined the process for social benefit programs.

District residents can apply for SNAP, TANF/Cash Assistance and Medical Benefits or learn more about all our offered benefits at districtdirect.dc.gov.

For those who need to isolate or quarantine at home, Amazon, Instacart, Giant, Safeway, and Aldi accept EBT payment for eligible products.
DCPS RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK UPDATE

#SafeReturn

December 29, 2021
We know that the best place for students to learn is in the classroom. As with all essential operations, we are going to do everything possible to keep schools and classrooms open while keeping students, staff, and families safe.
HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES FOR SY21-22

- Practice Safe Routines
- School HVAC Enhancements
- Deep Cleaning Protocols
- Maintain Building Readiness
- Reorganize Classroom Spaces
- Adjust Meal Routines
- Screen and Report Symptoms
- Notify of Cases at School
- Follow Public Health Guidance
- Provide COVID-19 Vaccine

Learn more at dcpsreopenstrong.com
We expect that schools and classrooms will need to transition to situational virtual learning throughout the semester, especially in the coming weeks. Our goal is to be flexible, responsive, and guided by our students’ needs.
In the event a school needs to transition to virtual learning, schools will pivot for up to 10 calendar days. Decisions about specific classrooms and grade levels within a school will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Examples of data used to determine whether to transition a school to virtual learning:

- Staff availability
- Percent of students/staff are in quarantine

**Daily Cadence**
Staff/student availability reviewed daily by 4PM
School posture decisions by 8PM
15 schools will serve as meal pickup sites on Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4, from 10AM to 2PM:

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Select meal sites will also open whenever schools transition to virtual learning.
All DCPS students and staff will be required to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.
All school-based DCPS staff should:

- Report to schools on January 3 as instructed by their supervisor and pick up their COVID-19 rapid antigen test before noon on Monday. Staff may also utilize their own testing option as long as the test is administered on Monday, January 3.

- Administer their test and report their results by 1PM on Monday. Staff will be provided instructions on where to report their results.

All DCPS staff will have access to KN95 masks when returning to school.
To minimize disruptions to learning, DCPS families will need to:

- Pick up an iHealth rapid antigen test from a DCPS school or a Test Yourself Express pickup site. Tests will be available at every DCPS school on Monday, January 3 from 1 PM to 4 PM and Tuesday, January 4 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Families can pick up a test at any DCPS school.

- **Test your child on Tuesday, January 4.** Families may choose to utilize their own antigen or PCR testing option, but tests administered before January 4 will not be accepted.

- Upload results by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 4.
1. Visit dcps.dc.gov/safereturn

2. Enter your student’s name, address, a contact email, a contact phone number, their school, the date of their test, and their test results

3. Upload a photo or pdf of your results

Problems submitting the results? We can help. Call (202) 442-5885 and Press 1 to be connected to the DCPS Family & Student Tech Call Center.
If your child tests negative:

Continue to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19. If they are showing any symptoms and/or they are required to quarantine because they are unvaccinated and have been identified as a close contact to an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, keep your student at home, regardless of their test result.

If your child tests positive:

Reach out to your school’s main office so that their absence can be noted accordingly.

Please follow all isolation guidance from DC Health and your child’s healthcare provider.
All students will need to provide proof of a negative test result before returning to school.
# HOW COVID-19 CASES AT SCHOOL ARE REPORTED

Learn more at [dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response](http://dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response)

## REPORT & ISOLATE

**STUDENT** shares with their school they tested positive for COVID-19 after not feeling well and / or showing symptoms common with the virus.

*Student should isolate for at least 10 days and cannot attend school in person until medically cleared.*

**TEACHER or STAFF** shares with their school they tested positive for COVID-19 after not feeling well and / or showing symptoms common with the virus.

*Person will isolate for at least 10 days and not return to work until medically cleared.*

**ASYMPTOMATIC student, teacher or staff** receives a positive result from weekly testing that screens for COVID-19.

*Individual will isolate for at least 10 days and not return to school / work until medically cleared.*

## INVESTIGATE

- The DCPS COVID response team works with trained school staff to determine who is a close contact.
- DC Health reviews the determination of close contacts for each school case and will make any needed updates or revisions.
- Students in a classroom setting who are within 3 to 6 feet of another student for longer than 15 minutes are **not considered a close contact** if both students are consistently wearing well-fitting masks and other mitigating factors are in place, such as increased ventilation.

**UPDATE:** To expedite notifications of positive reported cases at schools, close contact notifications will be sent to all students and staff in the classroom of a positive reported case only if more detailed contact tracing cannot be completed expediently.

## NOTIFY & QUARANTINE

- Using guidance provided by the DCPS COVID response team, school principals provide instructions to quarantine for school close contacts.
- Fully vaccinated students or staff who are close contacts do not need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms.
- Unvaccinated close contacts will receive instructions to quarantine for 10 days.

**UPDATE:** A notice will be sent to all students, families, and staff to note the total number of new cases reported within a school building. If the individual was in a classroom, that class will be notified.

- Community notices of reported cases are posted online at [dcpsreopenstrong.com](http://dcpsreopenstrong.com)

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*updated: 12/22/21*
GENERAL UPDATES
CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Christmas trees and holiday greenery will be collected from homes that receive DPW curbside pickup between **January 3 and February 28**.

Trees and greenery can be left at the normal point of collection for trash and recycling or at the curbside.

Items collected during this period will be composted, and in the spring, the mulch will be provided to residents at no cost.
NEW YEAR’S EVE

- Use testing to know your status and the status of people around you.
- Know the vaccination status of the people you gather with.
- Wear a mask.
- Only attend (or host) small gatherings.

- Avoid crowded indoor and outdoor settings and events held in poorly ventilated spaces. Outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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The **Fresh Start 5K** on New Year’s Day, originally scheduled to be held in person at Anacostia Park, will now be virtual.

Learn more about suggested 5K routes and opportunities to pick up a Fresh Start 5K t-shirt and medal at [fitdcfreshstart5k.com](http://fitdcfreshstart5k.com)