

Update on DC Public Schools (DCPS) Operating Status during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

As or March 19, 2021

What is our operating status?

DC Public Schools is offering both virtual learning and in-person programming for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year. The majority of students are currently learning at home.

How does this impact what we do?

- As of February 1, every school now offers a range of in-person learning options and services for students. This includes In-Person Learning (IPL) Classrooms with teachers, CARE Classrooms or tutoring services with staff facilitators, and self-contained classrooms for special education students.
- Schools are engaging with students, families, and staff to consider if additional in-person programming seats can be offered in Term 4, which begins for student learning on April 19.
- Every year, DCPS provides extended summer learning opportunities such as literacy enrichment for elementary students and credit recovery for secondary students. This summer, we will expand these offerings to include learning supports for every grade, including PK, with a variety of in-person acceleration academies as well as virtual learning opportunities.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- **Schools** - all buildings are open for students attending in-person programming and for staff working in person.
- **Central Office** - DCPS administrative buildings remain closed, including the DCPS Fingerprinting Office.

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- **Technology for Students** - DCPS grew its inventory to more than 45,000 devices for students in grades PK-12, and we distributed more than 32,000 devices this school year. For our students who are transitioning back to learning in the classroom, they have access to these devices.
- **Meals for Students** - Meals remain available for all students every weekday through the duration of the public health emergency from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at sites across the District. Groceries and suppers are also available at select locations. Learn more by visiting coronavirus.dc.gov/food.

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

DCPS' health and safety measures are centered around mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Working in partnership with DC Health, they include multiple layers of protection for those in our school buildings (physical, structural, and operational), and we allow virtual learning to continue for any student who wishes to do so. To minimize the impact of a positive case on the entire school, students are grouped into cohorts and there are scheduled, staggered arrival, recess, and dismissal times to limit interactions between classrooms. If a student or staff member who was in the building reports a positive test for COVID-19, the positive individual will immediately begin working or learning from home and consult their healthcare provider, and DCPS will notify DC Health. We will provide self-quarantine

instructions to close contacts, notify students and staff in the building about the positive case, and follow all steps outlined by DC Health and the CDC for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of the facility.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-442-5885. For more information, please visit <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com> or coronavirus.dc.gov.