

Welcome Back, PGCS!



With the school year underway, each of us plays a critical role in returning safe and staying safe this school year. Whether it's completing [daily health self-checks](#), keeping sick children home or driving children to school to help with the bus driver shortage, we thank you for your partnership and all you do daily to keep learning in motion!

TOP NEWS

New COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Policies for Students and Athletes



Schools will begin random pool testing of students regardless of symptoms and vaccination status beginning the week of September 27. Expanding our testing capacity to cover asymptomatic students will further protect the PGCS community at large. Parents and guardians are required to provide consent prior to testing. Additionally, proof of vaccination for all student-athletes over age 12 will be required for participation in all sports. Unvaccinated individuals will be required to undergo weekly testing starting the week of October 18.

Student-athlete vaccination and testing — In light of recent incidences of COVID-19 exposure and cases among various teams, proof of vaccination for all student-athletes over age 12 will be required for participation in all sports.

The deadlines to provide proof of full vaccination are Friday, October 15 for fall sports; Friday, November 12 for winter sports; and Friday, January 14 for spring

sports. If the individual participating in fall sports is not vaccinated, they will be required to undergo testing, starting the week of October 18th.

School Bus Route Updates



Please [check for potential updates](#) to your child's bus schedule. We are still experiencing a school bus driver shortage which is causing delays. Thank you to those families who are driving, carpooling or walking children to school as we work through transportation challenges.

Learn How We Are Keeping Schools Safe



The health and safety of students and staff is our top priority. Our prevention strategies include universal masking in school buildings and widespread vaccination. [Learn more](#) about our safety strategy including masks and PPE, cleaning and disinfection protocols, air quality, quarantines and more.

[View FAQs](#)

No-Cost Meals for All



Student meals are free for all this school year, including [virtual learners](#)! Families are still encouraged to complete the [meal benefit application](#), which determines eligibility for the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT) and more. View [menus](#).

Immunization Clinics



Don't forget about routine immunizations for back to school! The Prince George's County Health Department is hosting clinics to bring students up to date on vaccinations. Students with an appointment for routine immunizations may also receive a COVID-19 vaccination on site.

[View Upcoming Clinics](#)

Schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine



Students ages 12 and over are encouraged to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine ahead of the return to school. Parental consent is required for vaccination.

Parents/guardians are welcome to accompany their child to clinics, but are not required to do so. Students must bring completed consent forms to be vaccinated.

[View Upcoming Clinics](#)

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