

CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

Situational Update

Monday, September 28, 2020

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WHERE WE ARE TODAY

Level of Community Spread	Daily case rate 6.0 (Sep 26) 7-day avg. per 100,000 pop.	Rate of transmission 0.84 (Sep 16) Effective reproduction number ($R(t)$)	Test positivity rate 1.7% (Sep 24) Percent positive from RT-PCR tests	New cases from quarantined contacts 8.5% (Sep 24) 7-day average
Health System Capacity	Percent hospital utilization 72.3% (Sep 26) of available beds without surge	Percent COVID-19 patients 4.8% (Sep 26) of daily hospital census, 7-day average	Mean test turnaround time 2.3 (Sep 26) (days) 7-day average	Diagnostic tests conducted 4,448 (Sep 24) 7-day avg. per million pop.
Public Health System Capacity	Positive cases with contact attempt 99.2% (Sep 25) 7-day avg. attempt within 1 day	Close contacts with contact attempt 98.8% (Sep 24) 7-day avg. attempt within 2 days		
Community Engagement	Positive cases interviewed 72.0% (Sep 24) 7-day avg. completed within 3 days	Positive cases who provide close contacts 45.7% (Sep 24) 7-day avg.	Mean number close contacts provided 1.3 (Sep 24) 7-day avg. mean per positive case	

Data Source: DC Health

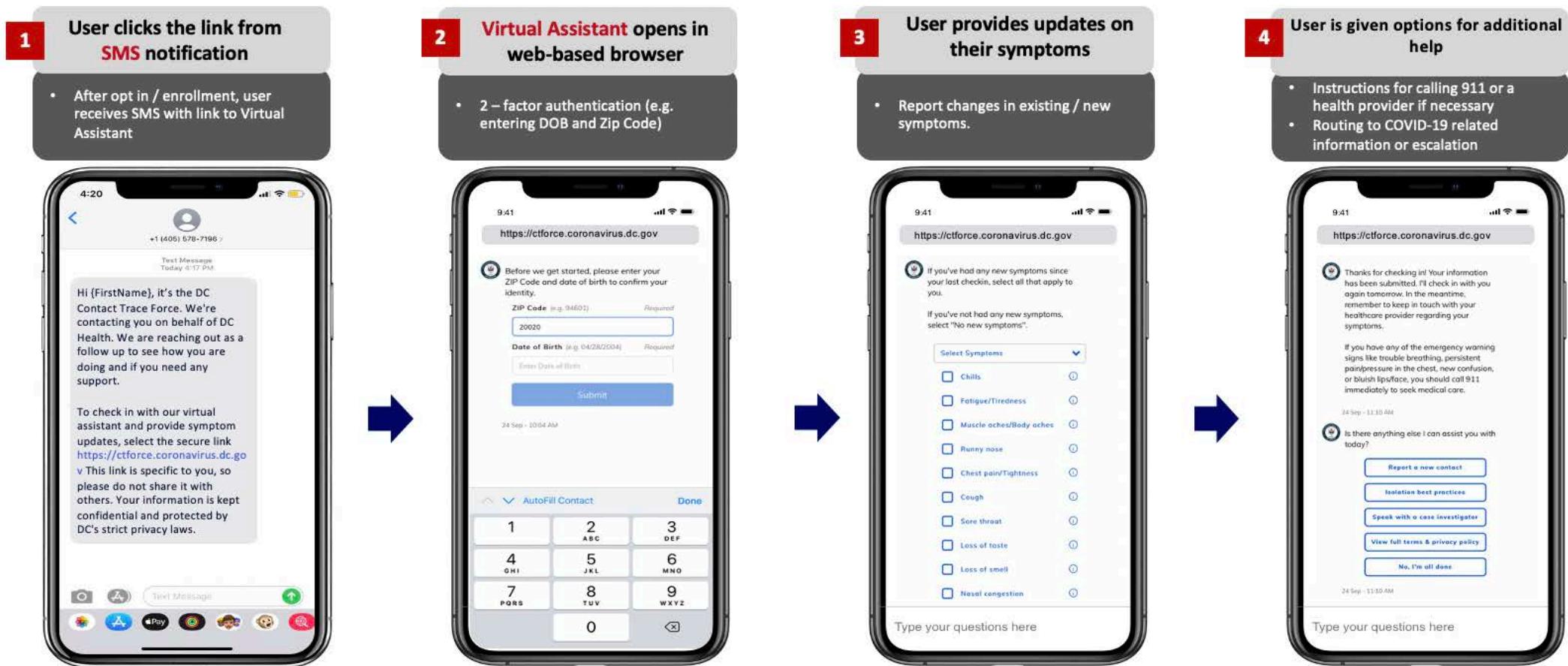
VIRTUAL ASSISTANT: DC COVIDLINK

The new **Virtual Assistant, DC CovidLINK**, is an optional service that allows positive cases and notified close contacts the ability to share information about their symptoms and health status with the DC Contact Trace Force via text messages and phone calls.

This tool is in addition to regular public health monitoring.

VIRTUAL ASSISTANT: DC COVIDLINK

Tailored interaction to monitor infected patient / exposed contact symptom development, educate about self-isolation & quarantine period, and provide helpful access to resources.



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1) Screens are illustrative and are subject to change. Additionally, these 4 screens don't cover the entire experience.

FLU VACCINES

Walgreens pharmacists will administer flu shots at the F Street Testing Site



Monday through Friday
Open through the end of October
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- No pre-registration required
- Bring your government issued ID and insurance card
- Recommended that you wear short sleeves

Residents without insurance can find flu vaccine locations at dchealth.dc.gov/flu

Walgreens

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SCHOOLS UPDATES

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INITIAL FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS OFFERING IN-PERSON LEARNING

The DME interviewed 18 independent, parochial, and public charter schools that have reopened for varying levels of in-person student learning or support services.

Primary topic areas covered

- Supports for Teachers
- Supports for Families
- Physical/Social Distancing
- Facemask Usage and Compliance
- Hygiene Practices
- Arrival and Dismissal Processes
- Daily Health Screenings

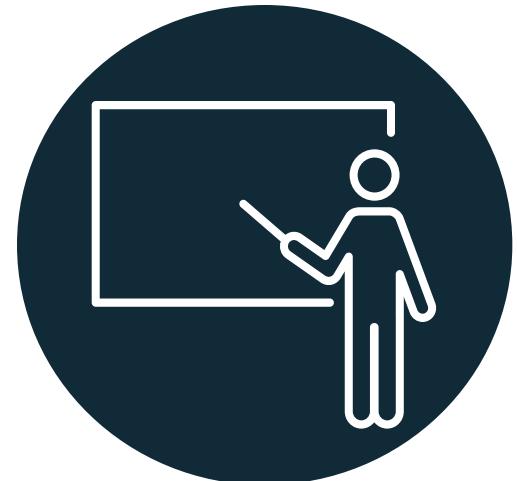
All interviewed schools rely on OSSE's Health and Safety Guidance



INITIAL FEEDBACK: SUPPORTS FOR TEACHERS

Building confidence among teachers that buildings will be safe

- Visibly transforming the building is reassuring.
- Teachers feel safer when leadership responds to their feedback
- Opportunities to take students outside for class, recess, or other breaks also reduces the anxiety of being in the building.
- Teachers' anxiety levels lessens once they are back in the building with students.



INITIAL FEEDBACK: SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES

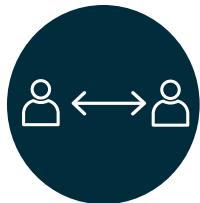
Building confidence among families that buildings will be safe

- Families need to understand the new processes and procedures before they return. Communicate early and allow parents to ask questions.
- Families need to see the new protocols implemented with fidelity. Families need to see leadership redirecting students that aren't following the new procedures.
- Assume families will congregate if given the chance. Carefully manage pick-up/drop-off, material pick-up, back to school nights, or any other events where congregating is possible.
- Many schools developed agreements or covenants that clearly state the rules and expectations.



INITIAL FEEDBACK: PHYSICAL DISTANCING, FACEMASKS, HYGIENE

Maintaining physical distancing throughout the day



- Students need time to practice. Repetition and visual cues are helpful. Use colors or symbols.
- Time outdoors is helpful for screen and mask breaks; but harder to enforce social distancing during outdoor breaks.

Compliance and correct use of facemasks



- Many had no issues with students properly wearing masks; some schools reported challenges.
- Masks falling below the nose, remembering to put masks back on after meals are biggest issues.
- Face shields are a useful supplement (in addition to masks) for struggling students.

Proper hygiene practices



- Create “student boxes” with all the materials the student will need for the day.
- Assign students and staff to everything they might interact with during a day: entrances, hallways, bathrooms, classrooms/desks, outdoor spaces, etc.

INITIAL FEEDBACK: ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL AND DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS

Precautions for arrival and dismissal

- Staggered arrival and dismissal for different cohorts and families is helpful.
- Entry and exit areas should be big enough to allow spacing and discourage congregating.
- Practice, practice, practice! Staff should be well-versed on the protocols.
- Clearly communicate the new protocols and expectations to families before their first day.



Daily health screenings

- Using web-based applications for the health screening questionnaire sped up the arrival process. If doing a web-based screening, ask families to complete prior to arrival.
- Schools that conducted a temperature check on students and staff reported that it lessened the anxiety of those returning. It is just one more layer of protection.

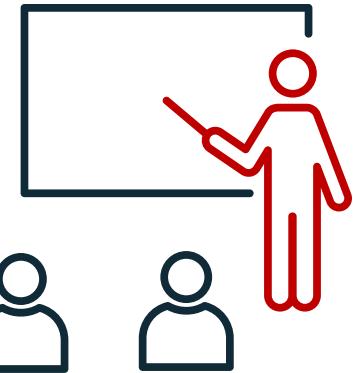
STUDENT SUPPORT CENTERS

Ballou STAY is welcoming students back today for cosmetology and barbering.

Additional sites will open in the coming days and weeks, including:

- Bancroft ES
- Cardozo EC
- Eastern HS
- Kimball ES
- Kramer MS
- Ludlow-Taylor ES
- Mann ES
- Noyes ES
- Tyler ES
- Phelps ACE HS
- Roosevelt HS
- Roosevelt STAY

Starting this week and throughout October, **select DCPS schools will begin opening** for Student Support Center and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming.



DCPS school leaders and partners have designed specialized **in-person programming opportunities for small groups** of students during Term 1 to supplement the learning at home experience. Programming is customized at each site and activities will vary from tutoring and social emotional support to physical education and outdoor learning experiences.

HVAC UPGRADES

In preparation for the return of in-person learning, we are in the process of evaluating and updating HVAC systems at our DC Public Schools, starting with our elementary schools.

BY THE NUMBERS:

80 DCPS Elementary Schools

24 with open work orders for HVAC systems

- 2 issues that affect the entire building
- 2 issues that affect half the building

17 contractors

will go to all 80 elementary schools to upgrade filters

GROCERY DISTRIBUTION AND YOUTH MEAL SITES

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GROCERY DISTRIBUTION SITES



NEW SCHEDULE

**Effective
Monday, Sept 28**

Grocery sites are available throughout the District to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and non-perishable groceries to families. Residents are encouraged to bring a cart and/or tote bag to transport groceries home.



Masks required at grocery sites.

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

MONDAY

**Eastern
High School
(Ward 6)**

TUESDAY

**Kelly Miller
Middle School
(Ward 7)**

WEDNESDAY

**Coolidge/
Wells
(Ward 4)**

THURSDAY

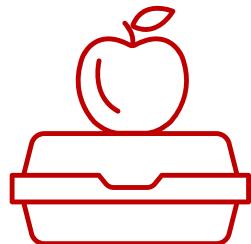
**Ballou
High School
(Ward 8)**

FRIDAY

**Columbia Heights
Education Campus
(Ward 1)**

Find a full list of community grocery distribution sites at coronavirus.dc.gov/food

STUDENT MEAL SITES



All DC youth (18 and younger) can get grab-and-go meals at DC Public Schools (DCPS) school meal sites.

✓ Youth can pick up **3 breakfast** and **3 lunch** meals per visit

✓ Parents and guardians can pick up meals on behalf of students

On **Thursday, October 1**, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) meal sites will switch their hours from **2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** to **10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Find the full list of DCPS and DPR meal sites at coronavirus.dc.gov/food

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DPR SUMMER RECAP



youth served at Learning Hubs



youth served during 29 days of in-person Fun & Sun Camps



DPR staff members worked in-person to support summer operations



Grab & Go meals served



youth served through Camp-At-Home



FALL PROGRAMMING

Registration for fall programming will open at 9:00 a.m.
on **Thursday, October 1** at dpr.dc.gov



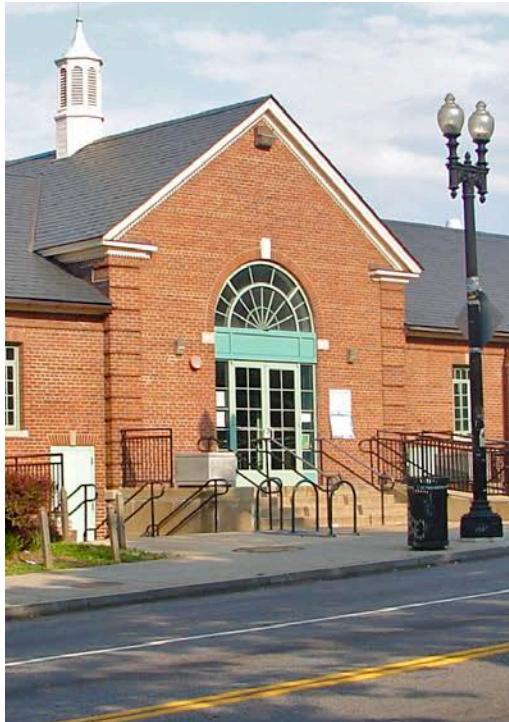
Programs will include outdoor fitness classes,
sports like tennis and pickleball, as well as
activities for seniors.



Programs will start, on a rolling basis, on **Tuesday, October 13**.

RECREATION CENTERS

On Tuesday, October 13, **29 recreation centers** will reopen to host fall programming and other limited services.



Residents will be able to **make reservations** to use the fitness centers at these sites:

- Banneker Recreation Center
- Columbia Heights Community Center
- Palisades Recreation Center
- Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center
- Fort Stevens Recreation Center
- Raymond Recreation Center
- Emery Recreation Center
- Turkey Thicket Recreation Center
- Trinidad Recreation Center
- Edgewood Recreation Center
- Sherwood Recreation Center
- Benning Stoddert Recreation Center
- Deanwood Recreation Center
- Ridge Road Recreation Center
- Kenilworth Recreation Center
- Barry Farm Recreation Center
- Bald Eagle Recreation Center
- Fort Stanton
- Southeast Tennis & Learning Center

INDOOR POOLS

6 indoor aquatic centers will reopen on Tuesday, October 13 for lap swimming and limited swim programs.



- Marie Reed
- Wilson
- Takoma
- Turkey Thicket
- Rumsey
- Deanwood (December 2020)
- Barry Farm

Residents can begin making reservations for lap swimming on Thursday, October 1 at dpr.dc.gov

PERMITS

DPR will also begin issuing a limited number of **outdoor athletic permits** for moderate contact sports practices and low contact sports games.

All organized athletic activities require a permit, and applications for permits will open on **Thursday, October 1** at **dpr.dc.gov**



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PHASE TWO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT PILOT

The Phase Two Live Entertainment Pilot will allow a limited number of venues to host live entertainment.

The six venues that are invited to participate in the pilot include:

City Winery, GALA Hispanic Theatre, The Hamilton, The Kennedy Center, Pearl Street Warehouse, and Union Stage.

The pilot will go through 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 30.

Additionally, these organizations have been invited to resubmit plans for outdoor entertainment:

Adams Morgan Partnership BID, Arena Stage, Busboys and Poets, Capitol Riverfront BID, District Wharf, Et Voila Restaurant, Heist Group at the Kennedy Center, and The Bullpen

At this time, the District is not accepting any other applications for indoor or outdoor entertainment.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION



Leaf collection will begin on November 9

This year, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure for Department of Public Works (DPW) employees, residents are required to bag their leaves.

DPW will distribute **20 paper bags to each household**, and bag distribution will begin on October 30. An unlimited number of paper bags can be left for pickup.

The deadline to get counted in the 2020 Census is
Wednesday, September 30.

GET COUNTED, DC!



2020census.gov

English: **1-844-330-2020**

Spanish: **1-844-468-2020**

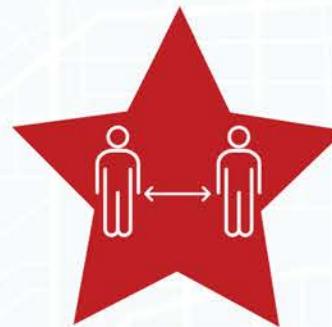
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