## Where We Are Today

### Community Spread

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<th>Metric</th>
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<td>Sustained decrease in community spread</td>
<td>Increasing trend</td>
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<td>Low transmission rate ($R_t$)</td>
<td>$R_t = 0.82$</td>
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### Testing Capacity

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<td>Low positivity rate</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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### Health Care System Capacity

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<td>Sufficient health care capacity without surge</td>
<td>73.1%</td>
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### Contact Tracing

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<td>Make first contact attempt for new positive cases within 1 day of notification</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Make first contact attempt for close contacts of new positive cases within 2 days of identification</td>
<td>95.9%</td>
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<td>Percent of positive cases from quarantined contacts</td>
<td>5.8%</td>
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Updated COVID-19 Testing Insurance Requirements

DC-licensed insurers are NOW REQUIRED to cover COVID-19 testing for high-risk individuals.

Covers testing once per week, with no cost for the patient, and without prior approval from a doctor.

Under the new order, insurers must cover COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic people who:

- work in high risk settings
- are at high risk for complications from COVID-19
- have been exposed to a recently diagnosed person
Stay on Track with Vaccinations

Even though the first day of school looks different this year, your child should stay on track with vaccinations.

Call your child’s health care provider or a school-based health center to schedule a vaccination appointment.

Find a vaccine schedule at cdc.gov/vaccines
School-Based Health Centers

Stay on track: Call to schedule an appointment

Anacostia HS
1601 16th Street SE
(202) 724-5529

Ballou HS
3401 4th Street SE
(202) 645-3843

Cardozo EC
1200 Clifton Street NW
(202) 727-5149

Coolidge HS & Ida B. Wells MS
6315 5th Street NW
405 Sheridan Street NW
(202) 671-6097

Dunbar HS
101 N Street NW
(202) 724-4086

Roosevelt HS
4301 13th Street NW
(202) 727-6333

Woodson HS
540 55th Street NE
(202) 724-2287

MedStar/Georgetown Mobile Clinic at Kelly Miller MS
301 49th St NE
(202) 444-8888

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August 26, 2020

3500 roses, by Muriel Bowser, Mayor

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPPORTING MENTAL WELLNESS FOR FAMILIES
The Mental Health Hotline was created to provide counseling and support to residents experiencing increased anxiety and stress due to COVID-19, but it has expanded to offer guidance to address family stressors and link parents to school-based clinicians and early childhood specialists for individualized support.

Parents can get real-time help or learn more about available services by calling 1-888-793-4357.
Wellness Wednesdays

We are building an online support network for parents.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

will focus on resilience, relationships, knowledge, support, and communication.

The first Wellness Wednesday will be on September 2 and it will cover self-care for parents.
TERM ONE:
AUGUST 31 - NOVEMBER 6
Make sure you have completed the enrollment process at

enrolldcps.dc.gov
If you do not yet have a device for your child, call your child’s school directly.

Different devices will be distributed depending on your child’s grade level:

- Pre-K families who requested a device will receive an **iPad** or similar tablet.
- Elementary and secondary students will receive a **laptop** (Microsoft Surface Go, Dell, or Lenovo).
- If you indicated a need for **high-speed internet** access, your device will either be cellular-enabled with free internet access or you will receive a separate mobile hotspot.
Technical Requirements for Learning at Home

**Canvas** will be used by teachers and students to keep learning at home resources in one place and **Microsoft Teams** will be used for live instruction.

If you are using your own computer to learn at home, please make sure it meets system requirements for these online tools. The device should have a keyboard and it is recommended that students have access to headphones.

Learn more about technical requirements at dcpsreopenstrong.com
Attendance Expectations

Daily attendance remains compulsory for students ages 5-17, even in the virtual setting.

Logging into Canvas every day is like entering the school building every day - this is how we will track attendance.
**WE WANT EVERY STUDENT TO FEEL**

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<th>LOVED</th>
<th>students will still build trusting relationships with teachers and peers</th>
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<td>CHALLENGED</td>
<td>students will participate in a cross-disciplinary Cornerstone called Living Through History</td>
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<td>PREPARED</td>
<td>students will have the tools and routines they need to learn virtually and be ready to transition to in-person learning</td>
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DCPS encourages students to be informed and engaged members of society.

Students who wish to **seek volunteer or community service opportunities** - such as being poll workers this election season - will be awarded hours while learning at home is taking place.

Learn more and download the Student Election Worker Application at [dcboe.org](http://dcboe.org).
A Family Guide to Learning at Home

- Tips for supporting your child’s learning
- Information about essential resources
- Sample schedules
- Attendance guidance
- Tech tips
Together, we will build a community of empowered learners.

DCPSReopenStrong.com
Join Deputy Mayor for Education Paul Kihn and Chancellor Dr. Lewis Ferebee for a TeleTownhall on DC Public Schools’ First Day of School

Wednesday, August 26
5:00 p.m.

Telephone Townhall details:
Dial-in: 844-881-1314

To RSVP visit bit.ly/CommunityCall826

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Students who receive **free and reduced meals** will continue to be able to do so, and should contact their school about where to pick up meals.

Students will obtain meals from schools within their LEAs, and all LEAs, including DCPS and charter, will serve meals.
Last school year’s Kids Ride Free cards are valid through 

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

As we continue planning for Term Two, new SmarTrip cards will be distributed to students through schools.
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