

CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

Situational Update

Monday, September 20, 2021

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COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES IN WASHINGTON, DC

People Vaccinated	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
Total	471,486	396,913
% of Total Population	66.8%	56.2%
Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	471,390	396,865
% of Population ≥ 12 Years of Age	77.3%	65.1%
Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	448,404	380,604
% of Population ≥ 18 Years of Age	77.6%	65.9%
Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	78,090	69,407
% of Population ≥ 65 Years of Age	89.4%	79.5%

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



September 19, 2021 was the deadline for DC Government employees to report their vaccination status. Employees who are not yet fully vaccinated must get tested once per week and submit a negative COVID-19 test within 7 days of getting tested.

As of Monday, September 20, 87% of employees have submitted their vaccination status. From these responses, we know that **72% of all DC Government are fully vaccinated.**

By September 30, 2021, **all healthcare workers** in the District of Columbia must receive at least the first dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR ADULT PERSONNEL IN DC SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES

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By November 1, 2021, all adults who are regularly in all schools and child care centers facilities in the District must be vaccinated against COVID-19.

This applies to all:

- DC Public Schools
- DC public charter schools
- Private schools
- Parochial schools
- Child care facilities regulated by OSSE



NO TEST OUT OPTION

Adults covered by the requirement include:

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- Teachers, student teachers, teaching aides, substitute teachers, and teaching fellows
- Before- and after-school teachers, program leaders, and assistants
- Guidance counselors
- Principals and other school leaders, program coordinators and administrators
- Coaches, trainers, athletic directors, referees, meet or game officials, and school-based media specialists filming games and training sessions
- Librarians and school library-based personnel
- Technology support personnel who work in schools
- Social workers
- School bus drivers
- School security personnel
- Aides for children with special needs in schools
- Cafeteria, janitorial, and building maintenance staff
- Volunteers who are regularly at schools

VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL STUDENT ATHLETES 12 YEARS OLD AND OLDER

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After November 1, 2021, all student-athletes 12 and over must be vaccinated to participate in school-based sports.

Student athletes who will turn 12 between September 20, 2021 and November 1, 2021 must be fully vaccinated before December 13, 2021 to be eligible to practice or compete in school-based extracurricular athletics.

The Order does not apply to athletics at DPR facilities or to private club sports and athletics, unless they train or compete at school facilities in DC.

DCPS, the Public Charter School Board, and each independent, private, and parochial school must establish systems for ensuring compliance.

This week, DCPS and the Howard University College of Medicine are launching a partnership to meet with students ages 12-17 and their parents/guardians about the importance of getting vaccinated.



This Wednesday, families are invited to join a virtual town hall with Howard University College of Medicine students. Medical school students will discuss the COVID-19 vaccine and answer attendee questions.

**Howard University College of Medicine
Youth Vaccination Town Hall
September 22, 6-7pm
bit.ly/HUyouthvax**

This week, DC Health and Howard medical school students will meet with students at three middle schools:

- Brookland Middle School
- Sousa Middle School
- Johnson Middle School

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER PRESENTS

TAKE THE SHOT, DC

YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY

All District youth aged 12-17 who get vaccinated will be eligible to win:



A \$25,000 college scholarship
(2 winners each week)



iPad and headphones (8
winners each week)



All DC youth aged 12-17* who receive their **first shot** at three Take The Shot, DC Giveaway Sites can receive a \$51 gift card or **free AirPods** (while supplies last)!

During September, 40 eligible students ages 12-17 will be selected as winners.

Parents/guardians will also get one **\$51 VISA gift card** per child who receives their **first shot** at these sites.

TAKE THE SHOT, DC - YOUTH VACCINE GIVEAWAY SITES

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 30

Brookland Middle School

1150 Michigan Avenue, NE

Tues. - Thurs. | 4pm - 8pm | Sat. | 10am - 4pm

Sousa Middle School

3650 Ely Place, SE

Tues. - Thurs. | 4pm - 8pm | Sat. | 10am - 4pm

Johnson Middle School

1400 Bruce Place, SE

Tues. - Thurs. | 4pm - 8pm | Sat. | 10am - 4pm

*Students ages 18-21 who are currently enrolled in a DC school seeking a high school diploma can receive a gift card or AirPods (if available)

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To prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases, all students must have up-to-date pediatric immunization certification on file with their school. While the specific deadlines depend on your child's first day of school, the deadline for most families is quickly approaching.

Families with students age 3 and older can schedule routine childhood immunization appointments through vaccinate.dc.gov at one of the 37 participating sites, including at DC Public School and public charter school locations.

Step 1: Make an appointment with your child's doctor or through vaccinate.dc.gov.

Step 2: Have the health care provider complete DC's Universal Health Certificate OR provide a different proof of immunization document.

Step 3: Submit your paperwork to your child's school.

SCHOOL-BASED TESTING UPDATE

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The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), in partnership with DC Health, is supporting the District's school-based **COVID-19 testing program** for school year 2021-22.

Public charter schools have the option to participate in the OSSE supported program or to contract with their own vendors.

On Wednesday afternoon of each week, data for OSSE's School-Based Testing Program will be updated for the prior week on coronavirus.dc.gov.

Week of September 13*

	Total	DCPS	Charter
Tests Completed	4,774	3,584	1190
Confirmed Cases Identified	47	37	10
Positivity Rate	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%

*Preliminary

Week of Sept. 6, 2021*

	Total	DCPS	Charter
Tests Completed	4849	4080	769
Confirmed Cases Identified	30	26	4
Positivity Rate	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%

*First full week of testing for all DCPS and most participating charter schools. Results include asymptomatic and symptomatic tests performed.

Week of Aug. 30, 2021*

	Total	DCPS	Charter
Tests Completed	1102	964	138
Confirmed Cases Identified	4	4	0
Positivity Rate	0.4%	0.4%	0%

*This was the first week of school for DCPS, and the testing program began on a rolling basis beginning Thurs. Sept. 2 and Fri. Sept. 3, 2021. Results include asymptomatic and symptomatic tests performed.

HOW COVID-19 CASES AT SCHOOL ARE REPORTED

REPORT & ISOLATE

Students should notify their schools if they test positive for COVID-19.

Students who test positive through school-based COVID-19 testing will be contacted. Parents can also access test results through the online portal.

Students who test positive are required to isolate for at least 10 days and cannot attend school in person until medically cleared.



INVESTIGATE

- Contact tracers work with trained school staff to determine who is a close contact.
- 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.



NOTIFY & QUARANTINE

- Using guidance provided by contact tracers, schools provide official instructions to quarantine for anyone determined to be a close contact.
- Fully vaccinated students or staff who are close contacts do not need to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms.
- Unvaccinated close contacts will be instructed to quarantine for 10 days OR after 7 days if they take a COVID-19 test on or after day 5 and receive a negative result (and have no symptoms)
- Schools will send a notice to all students, families, and staff that a positive case was reported on a particular date at their school.
- All cases are posted online at dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response/notifications/
- If the individual was in a classroom, that class will be notified.

Learn more at dcpsreopenstrong.com/health/response

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

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ENROLLMENT	TOTAL	DCPS	PCS
SY19-20	92,461	50,996	41,465
SY20-21	89,319	48,411	40,908
SY21-22	90,156	48,704	41,413

Source: OSSE as of 9/19.

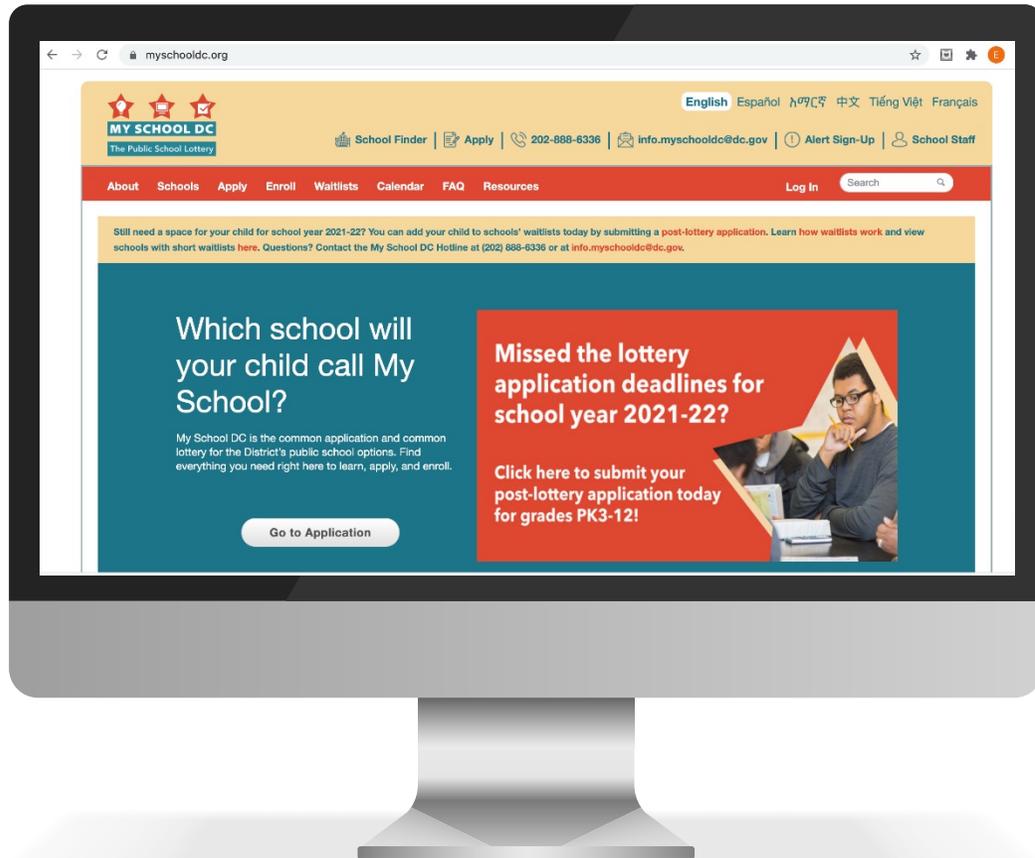
Preliminary and unaudited.

DCPS attendance in SY20-21:
86.91%

DCPS attendance in SY21-22:
86.80%



Still need to enroll your child?



Families that want to search all DCPS and public charter schools by name, grade, and ward, should visit **myschooldc.org** to fill out a post-lottery application.

DCPS families can enroll at
enrolldcps.dc.gov

BOOSTER SHOTS

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Currently, third doses have only been approved for certain immunocompromised individuals.

If and when third doses are approved for additional populations by both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, eligible individuals will be able to take their vaccination card to any vaccination site and receive their third dose.



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