

Comments for 10/6/2020 dcps presentation on in person learning

Moderator

5:17 PM

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Thank you for joining the DCPS Term 2 Information Session. We will start at 5:30pm!

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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Si necesita interpretación en español, únase a este enlace <https://bit.ly/dcpsespanol> o marque (301) 715-8592

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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If you need ASL Interpretation, please use this link: <http://bit.ly/dcpsasl>

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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Please use the Q&A Box in the bottom right to post any questions you may have. We'll do our best to respond to as many questions as possible. If someone asks a question you are also curious about, make sure to give it a thumbs up.

Jamin Hollingsworth

5:31 PM

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For schools that serve grades in elem, middle, and high school, are only elem students going back in-person for term 2?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:36 PM

That's correct. We are only offering in-person seats in PK-5th in Term 2. At our Education Campuses which enroll up to 8th grade, we are only serving PK-5th in-person. The only exception is at River Terrace Education Center, which serves special education students with more intensive needs.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:32 PM

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Will online schooling still be provided if we do not want to send our kids back to school?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:34 PM

Yes! We will continue to offer learning at home as an option for all families (PK-12) who would like that option.

Question from Anonymous

Anonymous

5:33 PM

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Are the elementary kids by lottery only?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:37 PM

As DCPS returns to in-person learning for elementary students (grades PK – 5th), seats will be limited to ensure student and staff safety. Since DCPS cannot guarantee a seat for all interested students and families, we will use a randomized selection process to equitably distribute seats. All students who were enrolled as of October 5, 2020 will be eligible for a seat. DCPS is committed to prioritizing in-person learning seats for students furthest from opportunity. As such, students who fall within the following categories will get a preference for the available in-person learning seats. • Students experiencing homelessness • English Learners and Students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs); and • Students identified as at-risk. (This includes students in the foster care system, and students who qualify for TANF or SNAP) The process will also give a preference to siblings. Siblings who are members of the groups listed above will be prioritized over siblings who are not members of these groups.

Question from Beth

Beth

5:33 PM

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My PreK student only has live distance learning 50 minutes per day. What would the CARES program look like for her?

Question from Lalla Marquez

Lalla Marquez

5:34 PM

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Will this be the model for the immediate future or will we go to hybrid in January?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:37 PM

The learning models we will share more detail on today will begin in Term 2 for Grades PK-5 (Nov 9 through Jan 29). We will share more information about Term 3 in the coming months, and we anticipate welcoming back Grades 6-12 in Term 3 (starts Feb 1).

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:34 PM

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Will teachers be moved from their current assignments?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:40 PM

We will have to make some scheduling changes in grades PK-5 to offer in-person experiences for our youngest learners in Term 2. We recognize that teacher-student relationships are critical and will work to minimize disruption as much as possible and provide additional planning time for teachers to facilitate a smooth transition.

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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Question from Anonymous

Anonymous

5:34 PM

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I don't understand how you can guarantee classrooms without an assurance from teachers that it will be adequately staffed. Can you speak to your process on this?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:10 PM

Thank you for your question. We are reviewing staff availability data now, with the goal of ensuring that schools are adequately staffed in both models described.

Question from Dena

Dena

5:36 PM

195

Who will be teaching the live classes and how does that affect the virtual students who have just bonded with their teachers and classmates?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:12 PM

Thank you for your question. Current classroom teachers will teach the live, in-person classes. We will have to make some scheduling changes in grades PK-5 to offer in-person experiences for our youngest learners in Term 2. We recognize that teacher-student relationships are critical and will work to minimize disruption as much as possible and provide additional planning time for teachers to facilitate a smooth transition.

Question from Anonymous

Anonymous

5:36 PM

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When will school-specific HVAC information be released to the public? Thank you!

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:43 PM

The HVAC assessments have begun and are being completed in the coming weeks. Ensuring any necessary enhancements are complete will be a part of the building readiness walk through later in October with school leadership.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:37 PM

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How is it effective of safe to bring students to school to sit in a class for virtual learning when they can do it safely at home?

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:37 PM

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Will this new plan remain consistent for the rest of the school year, or can we expect that our children will potentially have to transition teachers and groups more than once this year?

Question from Moderator

Moderator

5:38 PM

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Question from Marie

Marie

5:38 PM

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If a child doesn't enrol for in person learning in November, will he/she have the opportunity to do so later in the year?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:42 PM

As we get closer to Term 3, we will communicate what the options and selection process will look like for Term 3 (which begins 2/1/21).

Question from Bernadette Wittschen

Bernadette Wittschen

5:39 PM

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Can you clarify if DCPS staff with student enrolled in DCPS elementary schools that they will have the option to participate in the live in-person instruction.

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:41 PM

For all staff who will be both working in-person in our elementary schools and education campuses in Term 2, and have a DCPS student enrolled in PK through 5th grade by October 5, 2020, their PK-5th grade DCPS student(s) will be guaranteed a seat in a CARE classroom. Please note this is for CARE classroom seats, not in-person learning seats.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:40 PM

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Are you guaranteeing that each school has soap and paper towels in every bathroom?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:41 PM

Yes, our procurement efforts are progressing on schedule and ensuring materials are in place for frequent hand-washing is a priority.

Question from Bernadette Wittschen

Bernadette Wittschen

5:41 PM

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Can you clarify if the 92% is logging on to live lessons or just logging on to canvas?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:42 PM

Thanks for this question. Attendance is recorded based on the student activity in Canvas each school day between 6:00 am and 11:59 pm. Any activity within Canvas will automatically transfer to Aspen and translate into attendance for that day. Activity within Canvas includes logging into Canvas, clicking on the link for the day's activities, clicking on a Teams meeting link, opening a course, or working on an assignment in ClassNotebook within Canvas.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:41 PM

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Must student go to school and what if I prefer my student to stay at home instead?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:41 PM

All families have the option to remain all-virtual. You do not need to take any action to keep your student in an all-virtual instruction. You may get offered an in-person learning or CARE classroom seat, and in this case you should respond and notify your school that you want to decline the seat so that it can be offered to someone else.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:42 PM

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Will students with IEPs receive their service hours under the in person and CARES model?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:33 PM

yes. We have continued to provide IEP services. If your child is not getting the services he/she needs please contact your school principal.

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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Check [DCPSReopenStrong.com](https://dcpsreopenstrong.com) for more information and Q&A from this session.

Question from Adam

Adam

5:43 PM

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What is the threshold that DC must meet before it widely reopens schools to in-person learning with teachers present? Are there quantitative health standards that DC has determined it needs to meet before in-person learning can start? If so, what are they? If not, why not?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:45 PM

Thank you for this question. DCPS will make all health and safety planning decisions under the guidance of DC Health and OSSE. We are closely collaborating with DC Health and OSSE to address this.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:43 PM

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If our family chooses to stay Learning at Home for Term 2 and all goes well, will we be able to join In-Person Learning for Term 3?

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:43 PM

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How are you guaranteeing that each school has enough PPE?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:47 PM

We've based our modeling for PPE needs on the projected number of students and staff who will be present in-person in term 2 and in collaboration with the District Government Procurement team. Procurement of the necessary PPE is on track and we're prepared to distribute to schools in advance of term 2 start.

Question from Lalla Marquez

Lalla Marquez

5:43 PM

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Will student's whose original teacher goes back in person be assigned to a new teacher? Thinking that SEL seemed to be such a focus - this seems very tough for young students.

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:45 PM

Thank you for the question. We will have to make some changes to teacher/class assignments in grades PK-5 to offer in-person experiences for our youngest learners in Term 2. We recognize that teacher-

student relationships are critical and will work to minimize disruption as much as possible and provide additional planning time for teachers to facilitate a smooth transition.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

5:44 PM

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Will Pre-K students still have two adults in the classroom?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

5:53 PM

Yes. PreK in-person learning and CARE classrooms will be staffed with 2 adults.

Question from Meg

Thank you for your question. CDC guidance says masks are not required for children aged 2 or younger, so ECE students will be required to wear masks during in-person learning, but we will be supporting students in a number of ways to meet health and safety standards. We will be providing child-sized masks and providing teachers and school staff with guidance on helping young children develop healthy hygiene habits and normalize the practice of wearing masks. We understand this is a difficult goal because young children need additional guidance, so we will focus on providing that and not setting punitive measures.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:21 PM

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Will all students in a single CARE classroom be assigned to the same virtual classroom? If not, how will the CARE instructors manage students on different schedules in a single room?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:29 PM

CARE classrooms will first be organized by grade so students will have similar schedules. In some cases, CARE classrooms may be mixed with adjacent grades (e.g. 4th/5th grade) depending on the enrollment and demand at an individual school.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:21 PM

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Will teachers be given time to quarantine so they can be with their families for the holidays?

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:22 PM

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Will students with 504 plans be prioritized for in person learning?

Question from Moderator

Moderator

6:22 PM

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See the list of immunization clinics across DC [https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/Community Facilities Pediatric IMM_Final.pdf](https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/Community%20Facilities%20Pediatric%20IMM_Final.pdf)

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:23 PM

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If my child gets Covid will I have to bring back a negative test before my child can come back?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:34 PM

Thank you for the question. You can see specific guidance on the return criteria you are asking about at the bottom of page 19

here: https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/Health%20and%20Safety%20Guidance%20for%20Schools%2008.21.20.pdf

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:23 PM

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Are students going to the same school or will they be enrolled in new schools?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:24 PM

Same school - students will be offered seats in in-person learning and CARE classrooms at the school they are enrolled in.

Question from Anonymous

Anonymous

6:25 PM

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Will this presentation be uploaded, if we have missed parts?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:30 PM

Yes. We will be posting a recording of this meeting on our ReOpen Strong website.

Question from anonymous user

Anonymous

6:26 PM

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Will students bring their own devices for CARE?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:27 PM

Students will use their DCPS issued devices for the CARES model. We will provide DCPS devices for students who have been using personal devices at home.

Question from Anonymous

Anonymous

6:27 PM

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Will parents/ other non-academic adults be allowed into the school?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:30 PM

we will not have visitors in the school building, We will continue to meet with parents virtually for IEP meetings and parent teacher meetings.

Question from Moderator

Moderator

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Enroll in your school if you have not already at enrolldcps.dc.gov. Don't forget to submit your student health & immunization record too! See the list of immunization clinics across

DC: https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/Community%20Facilities%20Pediatric%20IMM_Final.pdf

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Register for the DPCS Public Health Virtual Panel on Oct 14 at 6 pm. RSVP at bit.ly/dcpsreopen

Question from Rachael

Rachael

6:33 PM

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Thank you for hosting this session. Will any in-person instruction/therapy be available for PreK-5 SPED students who have an IEP/receive related services, but are not in a self-contained classroom?

reply from Moderator

Moderator

6:34 PM

Hi Rachael, thanks for your question. It is most likely these services will continue virtually due to the number of students on providers caseloads across cohorts, but we are still exploring options for OT/PT in person. More to come soon!

Question from Moderator

Moderator

6:33 PM

The presentation and recording will be made available on this website as well! For all top questions not addressed through our current Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) documents, we will add them.

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Moderator

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For even more information RSVP for upcoming DCPS Parent University at <https://bit.ly/dcpsparentursvp>

Ask a question