

## PGCPS Updates Health Safety Guidelines



In response to updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), PGCPS has revised its quarantine and testing guidelines.

Please review so you know when your child can return to school after either testing positive for or being exposed to COVID-19.

[Read the Updated Guidelines](#)

## Register for Weekly Random COVID-19 Testing



When students return to schools on Tuesday, Jan. 18, testing will be critical to maintaining safe schools. We highly encourage families to register their child for weekly random testing, a highly effective mitigation strategy for COVID-19.

Please note: The Frontline Health Portal app will be discontinued on Jan. 30. Individuals should continue to monitor for symptoms daily following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

[Register for Testing Consent](#)

**Important: Complete the Federal Impact Aid Survey**



Each year, the U.S. Department of Education requires all school districts to share a Federal Impact Aid Survey form with families. The form is now digital for families to complete for submission. Please visit [pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/family](https://pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/family) for access instructions.

**If our survey data does not accurately reflect our student population, we will not receive adequate federal funding to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students.** As we face the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, this funding is more critical than ever.

To complete this process, please visit [pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/family](https://pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/family) to log into your existing ScribOrder Family Dashboard account or set up a new account within the system.

Once logged in, you will be able to access the Federal Impact Aid Survey form. **Please complete the survey by the Jan. 12 deadline to ensure PGCPs receives the funding needed to provide quality education for our students.**

[Log Into Family Dashboard](#)

## Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 With Vaccinations



Protect your child and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated. The Prince George's County Health Department is continuing to partner with Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools.

Residents can also get vaccinated at the county's clinic at the Sports and Learning Complex in Landover.

COVID-19 vaccinations at the clinics are free and available to any eligible Prince George's County resident age five and older.

For a complete clinic schedule of sites throughout the county and to download consent forms for individuals younger than 18, visit the county's vaccine site at [mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine](https://mypgc.us/COVIDvaccine).

**Safety First: Virtual Learning for Students Thru Jan. 14**



Amid a rise in COVID-19 cases in schools and new safety guidance from the Prince George's County Health Department, CEO Dr. Monica Goldson announced a temporary shift to virtual learning for all students. In-person learning will resume Tuesday, Jan. 18, following the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

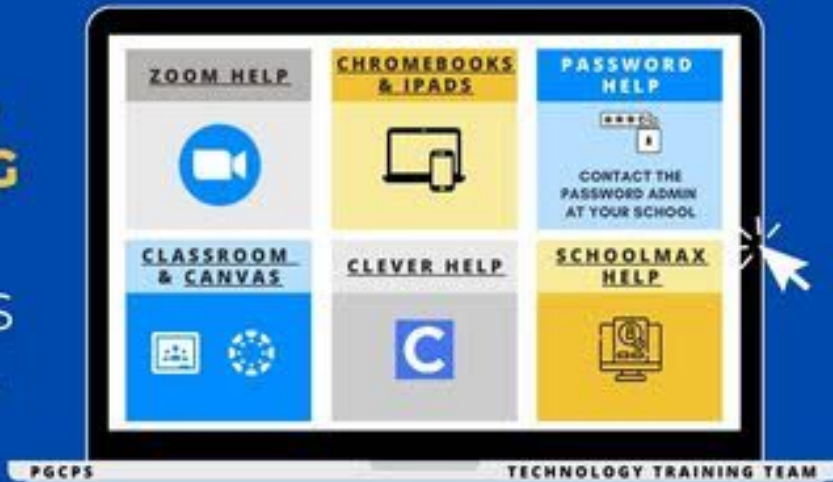
Students in the K-6 Virtual Learning Program will return Monday, Jan. 31. All athletics and practices have been postponed through Friday, Jan. 14.

[Learn More](#)

**Plug Into Digital Learning Resources**



# VIRTUAL LEARNING HELP for PGCPS FAMILIES



Go to [bit.ly/dlparentresources](https://bit.ly/dlparentresources) for more details.

Need help with a Chromebook, email, Zoom, Google Classroom or Canvas? While learning from home, the PGCPS technology team has resources to assist families with these things and more!

Digital Learning Resources

**UPDATE: Meals During Virtual Learning**



During the temporary virtual learning period, PGCPs will continue to distribute breakfast and lunch for students.

[Visit the meal distribution webpage](#) for the latest information.

## **SchoolMessenger Accounts Update**



Some SchoolMessenger users have received the following notification from PGCPS regarding the termination of your subscriber account:

*The SchoolMessenger account you created to manage your contact preferences for Prince George's County Public Schools has not been logged into recently. Your account will be automatically disabled in 30 days if you do not log into it.*



Today, PGCPS reset all subscriber accounts to remain active for 365 days. Users that received this notification can disregard it at this time.

Subscribers can ensure their account remains active by logging in periodically (at least once every 365 days).

[Log In to SchoolMessenger](#)

## **Student Environmental Stewardship Art Contest**



The William S. Schmidt Center is challenging students to create an original two-dimensional piece of art with the theme *Be the Change: What actions can you take to protect the environment around you?*

One winner will be chosen from each region (North, Central and South) in five grade divisions (15 total winners). Entries will be judged by the environmental message, visual presentation and creativity/craftsmanship.

**Entries must be received by Friday, Feb. 4.**

[View Details](#)

## Share Feedback: Culture and Climate and 2022-23 School Calendar



Share your feedback on the 2021 Culture & Climate Survey as we measure progress toward our goals outlined in the new [2021-2026 strategic plan](#), *Transformation 2026*.

The survey will be open through Wednesday, Jan. 12.

If you have any difficulties while completing this survey, please contact [edsurvey+PGCPS@hanoverresearch.com](mailto:edsurvey+PGCPS@hanoverresearch.com).

[Take the Culture & Climate Survey](#)

PGCPS is developing the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Your feedback will help us develop a calendar that best meets the needs of our school community. Please review the [three draft options](#) and share your input by Friday, Jan. 14.

## Attendance During Virtual Learning



During virtual learning, students are expected to participate in live instruction to be considered present. In the event of an absence, a parent/guardian must communicate the reason for the student's absence with written documentation. Students will be permitted to make up missed assignments in accordance with the administrative procedure for all lawful absences.

Note: Students participating in virtual learning may experience technical issues such as broken equipment or internet outages that may impede participation in live instruction. Such issues must be immediately communicated to the student's teacher and designated school staff so support can be provided as soon as possible.

## What You Should Know This Week: PGCPS in A Minute



Check out top things to know this week, including meal distribution, how to register children for COVID-19 testing and more.

## **Make Mental Health a Priority**



While schools are closed and during virtual learning, you may visit our website for resources and tips on creating a calm space at home, crisis hotlines and other tools. For immediate help, text HOME to 741741 or contact Prince George's County Crisis Services at 301-429-2185. If your child shows signs of extreme stress, anxiety, irritability, withdrawal, isolation or loss of interest in things they once enjoyed, your school's counselor, mental health clinician or psychologist can assist.

**Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program Lottery Opens Jan. 12**





The lottery application window for the 2022-2023 Talented and Gifted (TAG) program opens on Wednesday, Jan. 12 and closes on Wednesday, Mar. 23.

TAG Center School Programs offer a full-day advanced, enriched and intensive instructional program to meet the needs of highly-able students. Students who meet criteria for TAG identification may apply for next school year through the lottery process.

[Learn More](#)

**Board of Education Meetings Return to Virtual Format**



Starting this week, Board of Education meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

[View the Board of Education Meeting Calendar](#)

**Second Quarter Progress Reports Available in SchoolMAX**

[Log Into SchoolMAX Family Portal](#)

## Charles H. Flowers Student Earns Glider Pilot Certification



**Caleb Smith**  
**Jr. Air Force ROTC**

Watch to learn more about Caleb Smith, a sophomore in the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Charles H. Flowers High School, who recently made history as one of the youngest certified private glider pilots.

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