

January 14, 2022

Top News

Return to In-Person Learning: Health and Safety Updates



With students returning to classrooms next week, we are implementing new mitigation measures to ensure safer schools for all. This week, CEO Dr. Monica Goldson partnered with Prince George's County Health Officer Dr. Ernest Carter to host a tele-town hall outlining new COVID-19 prevention measures, including distribution of home test kits and KN95 masks, random student testing for COVID-19, protocols for uploading test results and updated quarantine guidelines.

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Covid-19 Testing Schedule for Next Week



Due to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 17, the COVID-19 testing and screening schedule is as follows:

Central Office Staff — Tuesday, January 18

HCD International will test at the bus lots.

Unvaccinated central office staff can test at a hub location:

- **Capital Diagnostics** at H.B. Owens Science Center, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **CIAN Diagnostic** at Bonnie Johns Educational Media Center, Sasscer Administration Building, and Louis Wilson Sr. Facilities Administration Building, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Green Valley Administrative Offices, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

School-Based Staff

- **CIAN Diagnostic** schools will test unvaccinated school-based staff only on Tuesday, January 18 or Thursday, January 20 (based on regular CIAN schedule).
- **Capital Diagnostics** will not be able to reschedule testing in the schools due to limited staff. **School-based nurses at the Capital Diagnostics schools will conduct testing for unvaccinated staff only on Tuesday, January 18.** Unvaccinated staff should test at one of the

central office hubs if a school nurse is unavailable. Capital Diagnostics will resume at the schools on Monday, January 24.

In the Spotlight

Charles H. Flowers Student Earns Glider Pilot Certification



Caleb Smith
Jr. Air Force ROTC

Meet Caleb Smith, a Charles H. Flowers High School sophomore in the Air Force Junior ROTC program who recently made history as one of the youngest certified private glider pilots!

Announcements

New: Wellness360 Free Fitness Classes!



BurnAlong gives you instant access to **on-demand and live video classes** spanning 45+ fitness and wellness categories. Classes are accessible on phones, tablets, computers, and smart TVs. There are classes for every age, interest, and fitness level, ranging from 5 to more than 60 minutes.

The service is available free of charge to permanent PGCPs employees and their family members (you can add up to four family members under your account).

Register: join.burnalong.com/PGCPS

For additional information or questions, please contact wellness.benefits@pgcps.org.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week of Engagement



2022 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WEEK OF ENGAGEMENT

Join United Way of the National Capital Area's (United Way NCA)
2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Week of Engagement.

From January 17-22, honor Dr. King's legacy by *learning, listening, and serving* to fulfill United Way NCA's mission – **to reduce disparities and increase equity for every member of our community.**

When none are ignored, all will thrive.

Monday, Jan. 17

Take our Diversity, Equity & Inclusion vocabulary quiz to test your knowledge of important equity terms.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Help to break the cycle of generational poverty.
Volunteer to build a United Way NCA financial literacy kit.

Saturday, Jan. 22

Volunteer with us at our **Choose Healthy Life COVID-19 vaccination event** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

...and more!

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For more information & to participate:

unitedwaynca.org/mlk-2022

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ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

IRS Change in Standard Mileage Rate to \$0.585

Effective Friday, Jan. 1, employees using their cars for official travel will be reimbursed at the rate of \$0.585 per mile. The new rate will be applied to any requests for mileage reimbursement for travel occurring on or after Friday, Jan. 1.

Expert Review Teams for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future

The Maryland State Department of Education is launching a comprehensive school review process to fulfill the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund requirements.

MSDE will hire 120 teachers, leaders, and other experts to join Expert Review Teams. Teachers and leaders can be actively teaching or recently retired. must have at least three years of experience as a teacher or administrator and have demonstrated evidence of improving student outcomes.

Other experts must hold a bachelor's degree and have experience leading school quality reviews, or authored research papers on effective practices for school improvement, or have experience in executive leadership for a school district that demonstrated improvement.

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5 Tips to Jump Start Family Engagement in the New Year

Parent and Family Engagement is a shared responsibility. [Learn more](#) about ways to engage families amid COVID-19 and the new year begins.

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