

Health and Safety Overview

Peabody, Watkins and DCPS have taken numerous measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff. All of those measures can be found on <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/>. We want to provide this non-exhaustive, one-pager to emphasize some of the key procedures that will help make the first day, first week, and entire school year a success. Please note that all guidance is subject to change based on CDC, DC Health, and DCPS guidance.



****Masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status****

Entry Procedures

- Students will be greeted by school staff and complete a VERBAL “Ask, Ask, Look” protocol by a Patient Care Technician or staff member. We ask if the student has symptoms, ask about exposure and do a visual assessment. The paper or online form is no longer required. Parents can accompany students at the door to support the assessment. Temperature checks are no longer required.
- Please review the Arrival and Dismissal document for detailed information on your school’s arrival and dismissal times and locations.

Lunch and Breakfast – free for all students

- At Watkins, half of a grade level will eat in the cafeteria at a time. The other half will eat in their classrooms and homerooms will rotate on a schedule.
- At Peabody, lunch will be in the classroom for all students. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria during arrival for all students who want it.

Quarantine

- Should a student or staff member test positive for COVID, there will be a quarantine period regardless of vaccination status, which means students will revert to at home learning for a period of time. This is something parents need to be prepared for. DCPS in conjunction with DC Health evaluates all COVID cases and makes the final determinations for who will need to quarantine and the length of the quarantine. We will prepare our students and staff with the needed devices in the event a quarantine is required.

Travel Quarantines

- For unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people, a quarantine period is required for those traveling outside the District, Maryland, or Virginia. The specifics are not yet published, but parents should be aware of this expectation. A negative test or staying home for the duration of the quarantine is required.

Standard Immunizations

- Are still required for students to attend school in person. The District of Columbia requires students to submit immunization forms at the time of enrollment, but no later than 20 days within their first day of school. More info: <https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/vaccines/#stay-on-track-with-childhood-immunizations>