

## Return to School: Health and Safety Updates



We are excited to welcome students back to schools this week! During the temporary virtual learning period, we were able to slow the spread of COVID-19 within the PGCPS community and implement new layers of prevention including: KN95 masks, COVID-19 home test kits, expanded [random student testing](#) and [updated quarantine guidelines](#).

Health and Safety Updates

## Home COVID-19 Testing Begins Sunday



This week, to further strengthen COVID-19 safety and prevention in schools, all students will receive a COVID-19 home testing kit. Each Sunday, from January 23 through February 27, we are asking families to administer the home test to children and upload results. The [online form](#) to upload results will be available each week at 7 a.m. on Sunday. COVID-19 tests must be taken within 24 hours of returning to school; please *do not* administer the test prior to Sunday.

[Instructions: Weekly Home Testing](#)

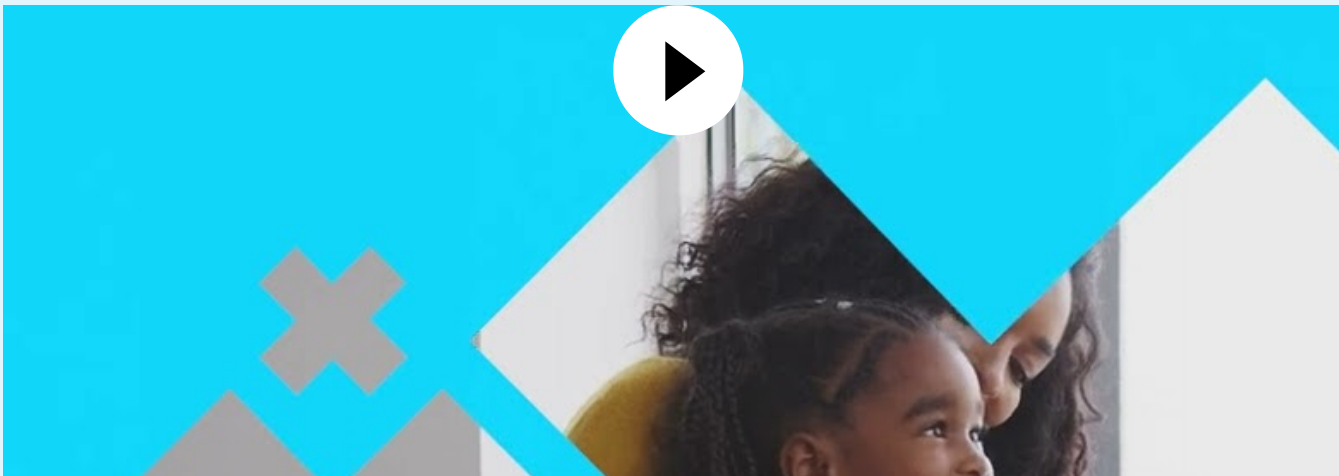
## Virtual Learning Program Ends Next Week



The final day of the K-6 Virtual Learning Program is Friday, Jan. 28. All students in the program will return to school for in-person learning beginning Monday, Jan. 31. Schools will host orientations for families of transitioning K-6 virtual learners the week of Jan. 24.

[Learn More](#)

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Check out top things to know this week, including distribution of KN95 masks and COVID-19 home tests, expanding random testing in schools and the end of our K-6 Elementary Virtual Learning Program.

## **Athletics Update**

Athletics and practices resume on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Unvaccinated athletes will continue to be tested weekly for COVID-19. No spectators will be allowed at athletic events through the end of January. Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 1, attendance at athletic events will be limited to 25 percent of building capacity.

**Help Prevent the Spread: Get Vaccinated and Boosted!**



**HANG  
IN THERE  
EVERYONE**

**We have  
the tools  
to slow the  
spread of  
COVID-19.**

**CONTINUE TO FIGHT COVID-19!**

- Get vaccinated
- Get boosted when eligible
- Mask up indoors in public and outdoors if social distancing is not possible
- Get tested before gatherings

**Urge family, friends, and co-workers to continue to take these actions.**

 **For more information, please scan the QR code.**

 **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
Prince George's County

 **Proud & Protected**

Protect your family and help slow the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated! PGCPHS continues to partner with the Prince George's County Health Department to hold after-school mobile vaccination clinics in elementary schools. 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).

## **Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program Lottery Now Open**



The lottery application window for the 2022-2023 Talented and Gifted (TAG) program is open through Wednesday, Mar. 23. Students who meet criteria for TAG identification may apply for next school year through the lottery process.

[Learn More](#)

**Do You Have a SchoolMAX Family Portal Account?**



The SchoolMAX family portal gives families direct access to review children's assignments, grades, attendance and community service hours. You will also receive email communications to keep you in the loop. If you have an account but need to update your information, contact the family portal administrator at your child's school.

[Learn More About Family Portal](#)

## **Student Environmental Stewardship Art Contest**

THE WILLIAM S. SCHMIDT CENTER PRESENTS...



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.**

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## Free Virtual Parenting Classes

The Early Childhood Office is providing free virtual parenting sessions:

**They Say "NO" to Everything! Helping children to go from resistance to cooperation.**  
Friday, Feb. 4, 6-7 p.m. **OR** Saturday, Feb. 5, 10-11 a.m.



## **Tantrums and Frustration; Learning to Deal, from Daily Conflict to the Most Intense Temper Tantrums**

Friday, March 4, 6-7 p.m. **OR** Saturday, March 5, 10-11 a.m.

### **SESSION LOGIN INFO**

Meeting ID: 742 879 2576

Passcode: R9mM3t

[Zoom Link](#)

## **Second Quarter Progress Reports Available in SchoolMAX**

[SchoolMAX Family Portal](#)

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

Prince George's County Board of Education meetings have now moved to a virtual format.

[Board of Education Meeting Calendar](#)

## **QUICK LINKS**

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