

PGCPS **Express**

A NEWSLETTER FOR PGCPS EMPLOYEES

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Top News

Happy New Year, Team PGCPS!



Wishing you a new chapter of peace, growth and happiness!

Jan. 10-11 COVID-19 Testing for PGCPS Employees

COVID-19 TESTING



School sites

COVID-19 testing will take place at all schools Monday as regularly scheduled. Vendors will test PGCPs employees at their respective school site.

- Staff at **Capital Diagnostics schools** can register online using the link in the chart; staff and students use the same link.
- Staff at **CIAN Diagnostic schools** may register using this link.
- If school-based nurses conduct weekly testing at your building, you may register at a central office hub site (below).

Central office hubs

COVID-19 testing will also be available for any PGCPs employee at the following hub sites:

Capital Diagnostics at H.B. Owens Science Center

Monday, Jan. 10

6 a.m. - 10 a.m.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New registrants only: Register online using the Capital Diagnostics Patient Registration Portal (code: PGHBOSC).

CIAN Diagnostic at Bonnie Johns Educational Media Center, Sasscer Administration Building, and Louis Wilson Sr. Facilities Administration Building

Monday, Jan. 10 and Tuesday, Jan. 11

6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Green Valley Administrative Offices

Monday, Jan. 10 and Tuesday, Jan. 11

6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

New registrants only: Register online. Include your work location, complete first and last name, date of birth and personal telephone number. This info will allow you to view your results in the CIAN Diagnostic portal.

Employees will be required to show their PGCPs-issued work ID badge at the hub sites.

HCD International will resume testing at bus lots on Monday, Jan. 10 from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Safety First: Virtual Learning for Students Through 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.

In the Spotlight

12 PGCPS Students Awarded Posse Scholarships



Twelve high school seniors will receive four-year, full-tuition college scholarships from colleges and universities who partner with The Posse Foundation.

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Announcements & Professional Development

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.

[Learn More](#)

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.

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Discontinuation of Frontline Health Portal App

Please Note: The Frontline Health Portal app will be discontinued on Sunday, Jan. 30. Individuals should continue to monitor for symptoms daily following [CDC guidelines](#).

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.

Take Survey



PGCPS is developing the calendar for the 2022-23 school year. Your feedback will help in developing a calendar that best meets the needs of our entire school

community. Please review the [three draft options](#) and share your input by Friday, Jan. 14.

Share Calendar Feedback

#TeamPGCPS Paparazzi

Check out how students, families and staff enjoyed fun in the snow!



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