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## PGCPS Express: Employee Vaccination Clinics Update

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### Get the Scoop

### Employee Vaccination Clinics Update

CEO **Dr. Monica Goldson** provided an update to employees in an email today about vaccination clinics. Highlights:

- The **Prince George's County Health Department** expects to resume first-dose vaccinations for PGCPS employees on Saturday, February 27 and Sunday, February 28. We will provide you with the appointment registration link when it is made available to the school system.
- **Kaiser Permanente vaccination clinics** will continue as scheduled. Central office, school-based and support staff will be able to register for appointments at that site when the link is available.
- Employees who receive **vaccinations from health care providers and through other venues, such as pharmacies**, can take vaccination leave on the next duty day following the appointment with proof of vaccination.
- **Do not register non-PGCPS employees**, including spouses and parents, for vaccinations at the Kaiser Permanente and Health Department clinics. They will not receive vaccinations if they appear for an appointment. When you do not adhere to the registration guidelines, you are taking limited spots from your colleagues.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Discussion with Dr. Fauci



Hear from **Dr. Anthony Fauci**, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, in this [pre-recorded webinar](#) with County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. Dr. Fauci answered questions and concerns about the safety and the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines.

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## Vaccination Facts: How to Register, Where to Go, What to Bring

**Registration:** Use your PGcps email address when registering. Employees who do not live in Prince George's County should use their school or office address.

**Clinic locations:** **Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex** is located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover. **Kaiser Permanente Rehabilitation Center** is located at 4400 Forbes Blvd. in Lanham.

**Don't forget:** Bring a PGcps work identification card or another form of employment verification (i.e., printed pay stub) to the appointment.

Check out our **Facts of Getting Vaccinated** [video](#) so you know what to expect.

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## Frequently Asked Questions: Employee Vaccinations

You've got questions? We've got answers! You can find the latest information on the employee vaccination plan on the PGcps website. For more information, visit [www.pgcps.org/vaccine](http://www.pgcps.org/vaccine).

## #PGcps Proud: In the Spotlight

### PGcps Spotlight

#### Oxon Hill HS and Thomas Johnson Middle School Earn STEM Seal of Excellence

Oxon Hill High School and Thomas Johnson Middle School have been recognized by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association as STEM Schools of Excellence for providing robust and integrative STEM experiences for students!

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## #TeamPGcps Virtual Paint Party a Huge Success



More than 240 employees participated in last week's [#TeamPGcps Virtual Paint Party](#). Thanks to the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council for their partnership and to sponsors United Healthcare and Educational Systems Federal Credit Union.

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## #PGcpsProud: From Wise HS to the Super Bowl!



Congratulations to Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback [Ryan Smith](#), a [Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School graduate](#), on winning the 2021 NFL Super Bowl! Smith was drafted by the Buccaneers 108th overall in the 2016 NFL Draft.

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## Looking for Distance Learning Pros!

Do you have advice on making the most of the distance learning experience with students? We are highlighting **distance learning stars** to discuss or demonstrate best practices for teachers and/or families on PGcps social media for #TeacherTuesday. Videos should be no longer than one minute. Send submissions to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org).

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Nominate a colleague who makes you #PGCPSproud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to [communications@pgcps.org](mailto:communications@pgcps.org). Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

## Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

### #HealthyPGCPS: PGCPS Goes Red for Heart Health



#### February Activity Reminder

Wellness 360 is hosting the following webinar during the month of February.

- **Feb. 17:** [Keeping a Healthy Heart](#) – Registration is required.

The webinar will begin at 4 p.m. Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

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### Changes to Flexible Spending Accounts

PGCPS has adopted new Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) rules for 2021.

- Qualifying life events are no longer required for FSA election or modification. Employees may enroll, cancel or change their election amount(s) at any time; however, you cannot decrease any FSA election lower than your year to date payroll contributions.
- All unused FSA funds in 2020 will carry over into 2021.
- Grace periods for eligible claim submissions have been extended through December 31.

For more information on the additional FSA rule changes, and/or to access the FSA enrollment/change form, click [here](#). Employees that wish to enroll or modify their FSA election amounts must submit the applicable paperwork via email to [pgcps.benefits@pgcps.org](mailto:pgcps.benefits@pgcps.org)

## Announcements and Professional Development

### Language Access & Parent-Teacher Conferences

With parent-teacher conferences approaching, please make note of language access resources to support communication with parents who are not native speakers of English.

#### PGCPS Interpreter Bank: Video language support on virtual platforms

Professional interpreters are available by request from schools to support language access on virtual platforms on Parent-Teacher Conference Day (Tuesday, Feb. 16). Interpreters will be assigned to schools based on availability for a variety of conference structures, including grade-level teams, teacher clusters and designated language-specific Zoom rooms.

Please note that students, family members and other staff are not permitted to interpret for parent meetings, consistent with federal language access regulations.

#### Language Link: Third-party phone calls or audio bridge on virtual platforms

Staff may also connect with a Language Link interpreter by phone for parent teacher conferences. Follow these [instructions for third-party phone calls](#) to be connected with an interpreter.

Language Link interpreting services can also be bridged to support language access via audio on virtual platforms, such as Zoom, Google Meet, and WebEx for parent teacher conferences. The associated phone number for the virtual platform will need to be available to facilitate the bridge. Follow these [instructions to connect audio interpreting services to a virtual platform via conference bridge](#).

For more information, please contact the Office of Interpreting and Translation at [interpreter@pgcps.org](mailto:interpreter@pgcps.org).

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## ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

### Feb. 15 Deadline: CEO Employee Scholarship

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to further your education at Walden University!

[Apply now for the CEO Employee Scholarship Program](#), created in partnership with Walden University. Scholarship opportunities are available to all employees seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications are due **Monday, Feb. 15**. Winners may use their scholarship for the start date best for them in a qualifying program from April 2021 through September 2021.

One full-tuition scholarship and one partial-tuition scholarship will be awarded at each level:

- **Bachelor's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$15,000 partial scholarship)
- **Master's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$12,000 partial scholarship)
- **Doctoral Degree Program** (runner-up: \$10,000 partial scholarship)
- **Graduate Certificate Program** (runner-up: \$6,000 partial scholarship)

For more information, call 1-855-628-3427 or visit [WaldenU.edu/PGCPS-CEO-Scholars](#).

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