Safety First: Virtual Learning for Students Through Jan. 14

Amid a rise in COVID-19 cases in schools and new quarantine 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.
Winter Break and Virtual Learning Timeline

Thursday, Dec. 23: Early Dismissal (3 hour)
Monday, Jan. 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day — Schools and offices closed
Tuesday, Jan. 18: In-person learning resumes

Plug Into Digital Learning Resources
Need help with a Chromebook, email, Zoom, Google Classroom or Canvas? While learning from home, the PGCPS technology team has resources to assist families!

Digital Learning Resources

How to Get Meals During Virtual Learning

During virtual learning, breakfast and lunch for multiple days will be available for pick up at all schools from 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates:
Safe Schools: COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing

When students return to schools in January, testing will be critical to maintaining safe schools. We highly encourage families to register their child for weekly random testing, a highly effective mitigation strategy for COVID-19.

Please note: The Frontline Health Portal app will be discontinued on January 30. Individuals should continue to monitor for symptoms daily following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

Register for Testing Consent
Get the latest updates from CEO Dr. Monica Goldson, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the Prince George's County Health Department on COVID-19, vaccinations and virtual learning.

Share Feedback: 2022-23 School Calendar
PGCPS is developing the calendar for the 2022-23 school year. Your feedback will help us develop a calendar that best meets the needs of our school community. Please review the three draft options and share your input by Friday, Jan. 14.

### Attendance During Virtual Learning

During virtual learning, students are expected to participate in live instruction to be considered present. In the event of an absence, a parent/guardian must communicate the reason for the student’s absence with written documentation. Students will be permitted to make up missed assignments in accordance with the administrative procedure for all lawful absences.

Note: Students participating in virtual learning may experience technical issues such as broken equipment or internet outages that may impede participation in live instruction. Such issues must be immediately communicated to the student’s teacher and designated school staff so support can be provided as soon as possible.

**Take the Culture & Climate Survey**
The 2021 Culture & Climate Survey is back online! Your input matters. If you previously responded to this survey, we would appreciate it if you would complete it again. If you have any difficulties while completing this survey, please email: edsurvey+PGCPS@hanoverresearch.com.

Take Survey

Distance Learning & Emotional Wellness

For tips and tools on creating a calm space at home, please visit the PGCPS website. If your child shows signs of extreme stress, anxiety, irritability, withdrawal, isolation or loss of interest in things they once enjoyed, your school’s counselor, mental health clinician or psychologist can assist. For immediate help, text HOME to 741741 or contact Prince George’s County Crisis Services at 301-429-2185.

Signing Day: Scholar-Athletes Share Future Plans!
High school seniors across the school system announced plans this week to continue their academic and athletic careers!

**Social Snapshots**