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Vaccination Distribution Update

Prince George's County has started Phase 1B for **COVID-19 vaccinations**, which includes educators and support staff. Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente, will facilitate a vaccination program for all employees, tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 1, at three sites in the northern, southern, and central parts of the county.

More details will be released soon





COVID-19 Vaccine Facts and Myths



[Mythbuster vs. Facts Info](#)

Continue to dispel common myths with your family, friends, and colleagues with these quick informational videos from Kaiser Permanente. Please click the links below to view each common myths video.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>mRNA & DNA</u>• <u>Vaccines Give Covid</u>• <u>Causes Autism</u>• <u>Can't Get It Again</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Cause HIV</u>• <u>Infertility</u>• <u>Cut Corners on Science</u> |
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Considerations for In-Person Instruction

<https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/resources/considerations-for-in-person-learning>

PGCPS will consider the implementation of small group instruction by identified grade levels and/or designated populations of students (i.e. special education, English Language learners) when several factors are met such as:

- Percent of Positive Cases falls between 5% - 8%
- Number of New Cases per Day 46 -91
- Average daily case rate (per 100,000 population) falls between 5 - 10



Note: These are not the sole determining factors but allow us to safely begin consideration for in-person learning.



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View current data from Prince George's County Key Metrics

Matrix for Safe School Reopening Based on COVID-19 Indicators

Risk Level***	Percent of Positive Tests (14-day average)	Number of New Cases per Day (14-day average)	Daily New Case Rate per 100,000 (14-day average)	Grade*	Instruction Type Based on Health Metrics
LOW	<5%	<46	≤5	Pre-K-5	In-Person
				6-8	In-Person following Pre-K-5
				9-12	In-Person following 6-8
MODERATE	5-8%	46-91	>5 to 10	Pre-K-5	Consider limited in-person
				6-8	VIRTUAL**
				9-12	
HIGH	⊙ >8%	⊙ >91	⊙ >10	Pre-K-5	No in-person instruction: VIRTUAL ONLY
				6-8	
				9-12	

*Special education is subject to the same actions as PreK – 5

**All three metrics must be met before proceeding to the next category, but if numbers are trending towards low risk may be able to accelerate hybrid in-person model in consultation with the Health Department

***Reassess if new case rate increases by 2 per 100k or if positivity rate increases by 1.5% within 2 weeks

Developed Using: [Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making, CDC: COVID-19 Guidance for Maryland Schools](#)

Status (as of 1/25/21):

Positivity: 9.8%

New Cases per Day: 417

Daily Case Rate: 45.8





COVID-19 Related Building Closures

<https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/resources/covid-19-related-building-closures>

- This online database captures school and office building closures related to incidences of COVID-19 since March 2020. Please note this list only includes traditional public schools; public charter schools are responsible for their own cleaning and sanitizing. The database does not include incidences that did not require cleaning or sanitizing (i.e., the employee works remotely or the individual has not worked on-site recently).
- Following CDC recommendations, as of January 11, 2021, unless noted, buildings are not usually closed for cleaning; only the immediate or shared workspaces are closed for disinfection.



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**Questions or
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