

Virtual Rally for Safety/DC-CORE Meet-up/CORE-Connect

Purpose:

- Share the Week of Action Calendar: Learn more here:
<https://www.dccoreunion.org/post/dc-core-week-of-action-jan-17-24>
- Collect KN95 Masks for schools
- Make Signs for Week of Action

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions - David Ifill
2. What's Going on, Our Demands + Week of Action - Laura Fuchs
3. Virtual Action - Help educators get KN-95s for their students - Paige Veliz Gilbert
4. Breakout spaces - Make virtual signs (Alicia Chambers), Make your own Donor's Choose Project for KN-95s for students (Jessica Salute)

Resources to Read and Reflect on the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

- Suggestions from Clint Smith - [See thread on Twitter](#)
 - [Brandon Terry's important essay on King and how "canonization has prevented a reckoning with the substance of King's intellectual, ethical, and political commitments."](#)
 - [Prof. Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor: Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King](#)
 - [The public has underestimated the radicalism of Martin Luther King Jr.'s early work](#)

Virtual Service and Messaging:

- Search Donors' Choose to look for existing PPE projects for DCPS educators
Some projects ask for PPE in addition to other health/safety supplies and traditional school supplies. These projects were most clearly requesting supplies for a healthy classroom.
 - Supplies for Everyone
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/supplies-for-everyone/6075331/>

- Student Safety Matters (fully funded)
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/student-safety-matters/6103793/>
- Mask Me Up
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/mask-me-up/6051274/>
- Stop the Spread and Cover the Cough
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/stop-the-spread-and-cover-the-cough/6071625/>
- JA School Supplies Needs
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/ja-school-supplies-needs/6050646/>
- Let's Stay Healthy
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/lets-stay-healthy/6071849/>

ADDITIONAL Projects

- A link to all *Equity Focused DC Donors Choose projects mentioning COVID* can be found [here](#)

Social Media Messaging:

- Teachers and parents have to take matters into their own hands on @DonorsChoose to keep our students safe with KN-95 masks. Support this teacher getting supplies for her students: Supplies for Everyone
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/supplies-for-everyone/6075331/> @DC_CORE #ItsNotSafe
- Teachers and parents have to take matters into their own hands on @DonorsChoose to keep our students safe with KN-95 masks. Support this teacher: Student Safety Matters
<https://www.donorschoose.org/project/student-safety-matters/6103793/> @DC_CORE #ItsNotSafe
- The CDC has spoken - our students need high quality masks! Educators: learn how to make your own @DonorsChoose project for KN-95 masks for your students:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d4dDGed6UzGCxLWGWtRARGkLICO_7uCVKzz7QD4TCFc/edit?usp=sharing @DC_CORE #ItsNotSafe

Donors Choose Project Example- Better Masks for Kids

- [See Mr. Norton from Marie Reed's funded project as an example.](#) (He is a regular user of DC, so he was able to order through a vendor not everyone was able to order from however. [See Ms. Salute's project here also.](#))
- Starting a DC project is very simple- just create an account and fill out the info about your school and students.

- You can copy and paste from Mr. Norton's project for masks or edit/create your own. (See below)
- For a DC's project, you can only usually use approved vendors. Try these KN95 masks from Amazon that have a lot of good reviews. (*Disclaimer- these may not be the best or even real KN95s as there are a lot of fake masks on the market. If you find better options, please let Jessica Salute know at jsalute@gmail.com*)
 - [WWDOLL KN95 Face Masks for Kids 50 Pack. Multicolor Color Children's Disposable Face Masks with Adjustable Earhooks](#)
 - [HUHETA Kids KN95 Face Mask for Children. Packs of 30 Black Masks with Adjustable Ear Loop. 5-Layer Disposable Masks Protection for Girls. Boys. Indoor Outdoor Use](#)

Example from a Funded Project Text to Copy/Edit

My Students

Located in the Nation's capital, the school where I teach serves the needs of a diverse community of students and families. My work is complex as I navigate how to build relationships and community across lines of difference like race, class, language, and country of origin.

To communicate is to learn to advocate for oneself and one's community, and that reality is the cornerstone for what I do.

My students learn the importance of vulnerability as they develop their capacity to communicate through reading, writing, listening, and speaking. No experience is more humbling or profound than when a student's potential has been fully realized through their dedication to themselves and their pursuit of knowledge and self-expression.

My Project

We are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and with the prevalence of the Omicron variant, case rates continue to increase. Learning in-person is essential for students and we can continue to do this as long we have the proper mitigation measures in place. Currently, my district only provides students with surgical masks, but new CDC guidance recommends that everyone upgrade to masks that have better filtration...The masks will fit well, and the improved filtration will help to keep kids safer from any potential COVID-19 spread. I want to do everything I can to keep kids in person, and I believe that upgrading masks is one important component in this process.

Canva Template

Use this flyer as a template or make your own: [Link to template](#)

Go to <https://www.canva.com/> (it is a free service) and make your own