

from Suzanne Wells to Everyone: 4:04 PM

If a student tested positive in December, and is now asymptomatic, but they test positive on January 4, will they be allowed to return to school?

from Elizabeth Stuart to Everyone: 4:04 PM

Thank you for using rapid tests next week. Can you talk about how you expect to use PCR and rapid tests moving forward?

from m evans to Everyone: 4:05 PM

students must present a negative test to attend on 1/5

from Denika Robinson to Everyone: 4:05 PM

I understand parents are to pick up the kits? is this by appointment? if not how can we avoid large crowds when picking up the kits?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:05 PM

Will students be turned away if they do not have a negative test?

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:05 PM

Will you follow the lead of many colleges and institute virtual learning until mid to late January?

from Denika Robinson to Everyone: 4:05 PM

how do we submit the tests back and where?

from Vania Washington to Everyone: 4:06 PM

What if they test negative then test positive two days later

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:06 PM

Although the popular belief is that students learn best in person, a hospitalized students and traumatized students can't learn much in unsafe conditions. Therefore, has the district considered learning virtually the remaining of Term 2 and or through Term 3?

from Florence to Everyone: 4:06 PM

so would the rapid test be weekly processes?

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:06 PM

How will you verify if it's the actual testers test?

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:06 PM

What constitutes "proof" of Rapid Antigen Tests? The tests we received from the library do not have a way to really do this.

from Sincere Coles to Everyone: 4:06 PM

Why do you think this requirement is effective in prevention of testing positive for COVID?

Why isn't the PCR test being considered as an option to show negative status?

from Erica to Everyone: 4:06 PM

What about the kids and teachers that cannot retest at this moment because prior positive test.

from April York to Everyone: 4:06 PM

why aren't PCR test being required instead of rapid test? rapid test can report false negatives when in fact the person is positive. The accuracy is important and antigen test don't provide the proper accuracy only PCR test does

from Glenda pricelivingston to Everyone: 4:06 PM

can the volume be turn up it a little hard to hear

from Rosana Abedin to Everyone: 4:06 PM

We picked up Covid rapid test kits from DCPL. How can we provide the PROOF once we take the tests?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:07 PM

The message said PCR tests will be accepted but not provided.

from Megan Lavin to Everyone: 4:07 PM

Will families be provided tests for parents as well?

from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:07 PM

When you state you need a negative test , is this rapid or PCR? As you all May know, there have been cases in which a rapid test may be false negative and/or positive.

from Sincere Coles to Everyone: 4:07 PM

An individual is most contagious and is shedding the virus 1-3 days before testing positive... That's why this plan makes no sense.

from Elena to Everyone: 4:07 PM

If our children are unvaccinated due to age and we want to keep our kids at home for the full week so that things can hopefully settle more and allow the community to do more testing before bringing them back...can the absence not be counted as unexcused?

from Elspeth Grasso to Everyone: 4:07 PM

I'm nervous these tests have a high false negative rate and it will not be an effective way to prevent COVID spread within schools.

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:07 PM

What provisions for learning will be made for students who 1. do not provide any test on Jan. 5 and 2. who test positive on Jan. 4 and how will school staff sort out students on Jan. 5 who do not provide a test?

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:08 PM

How would you know if the tester is the one that took the test?

from Lely Constantinople to Everyone: 4:08 PM

what is the remote learning plan for students if they test positive (high school level)

from Annie Slattery to Everyone: 4:08 PM

Is DCPS moving back to nasal swabs for the asymptomatic testing in schools?

from Kristen Santiago to Everyone: 4:08 PM

Can we do weekly testing for staff and kids of all ages?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:08 PM

What metrics are being used to validate that it is safe to return to schools when DC is one of the worst cities for transmission right now

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:08 PM

You are not currently communicating clearly when there are cases: the notices are incomplete, not up to date, and contain no dates.

from eva east to Everyone: 4:08 PM

Why don't we just go virtually until April?

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:08 PM

Echoing April York's inquiry. PCR test results are much more meaningful. Quick antigen tests often show negative when the viral load is not quite high enough, but the person transmits to another or many other individuals.

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:08 PM

How often will be doing the cleaning?

from Adriana Wrenn to Everyone: 4:08 PM

No thank you.

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:08 PM

What evidence is there that testing 10% of students each week is effective at preventing COVID spread within schools?

from Lorena S. to Everyone: 4:09 PM

Second Elena's request. Could we wait one week for children to return and have it excused?

from Harry Tucker to Everyone: 4:09 PM

How will the District ensure test results in a timely manner?

from m evans to Everyone: 4:09 PM

lets just go virtual already..this is wayy too much!

from Emma to Everyone: 4:09 PM

No volume

from Mrs. Green to Everyone: 4:09 PM

How do we pass along the Rapid test results to our schools?

from alina baciu to Everyone: 4:09 PM

Schools should have switched to virtual on 12/20. Instead, DCPS knowingly exposed our children to COVID. Many of the kids who got infected on 12/17-22 IN SCHOOL OR RELATED ACTIVITIES LIKE HOLIDAY CONCERTS may still be positive as a result of having been exposed and tested positive immediately after the end of school on 12/22.

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:09 PM

Why is DCPS not testing all students and faculty on a regular basis, particularly with the current strain?

from Jennifer Snowden-McKay to Everyone: 4:09 PM

1. How do we increase testing requirements in schools to gain more accurate data?
2. Can we re-institute a hybrid schedule of in-person learning M/T/Th/F and asynchronous learning on Wednesdays? Buildings would remain open (in limited capacity) to accommodate families who do not have the option to keep their children home. Schools could use that day to do the following (a) send tests home every Tuesday and require results to be uploaded on Wednesday before 4pm, (b) use the day off to deep clean the facilities, and (c) provide students with supplemental academic and SEL support.

from Alycia Hardy to Everyone: 4:09 PM

Will there be any videos detailed guidance provided to assist parents and caregivers in accurately testing students at home? What about parents/childre with disabiliites who may have additional barriers to doing this at home, how will they be accommodated?

from Clare to Everyone: 4:09 PM

CDC notes that people who have had COVID may continue to test positive for 90 days. I have that situation with my daughter who has just finished 10 days isolation. She is still testing positive. CDC allows a doctor's verification of recovery from CoVID for international travel. is this allowed for DCPS students who have just recovered from COVID and safely isolated for the required days, but still test positive?

from kate to Everyone: 4:09 PM

Can we please test children more often? It seems like doing SAME testing approach won't work The SAME

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:10 PM

yeah for the hybrid schedule!

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and more often testing

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:10 PM

and for N95 masks

from Jonathan steele to Everyone: 4:10 PM

This is total bullshit

from Adriana Wrenn to Everyone: 4:10 PM

Omicron is extremely contagious but it is less lethal. Stop counting the cases. Count the hospitalizations.

from kate to Everyone: 4:10 PM

PLEASE test them more!!

from Florence to Everyone: 4:10 PM

yeah hybrid schedule

from Melissa McClam to Everyone: 4:10 PM

Does Pre-K-3 students have to be tested before they return on January 5th

from alina baci to Everyone: 4:10 PM

Please stop talking about the facts you and the mayor knew on 12/17 and chose not to act.

from cathy gurgol to Everyone: 4:10 PM

This policy seems like a step backward rather than forward. Since covid is not going away, how is the school system ensuring that schools stay open and never close or "go virtual." This is awful. Less testing, not more. Keep kids in school.

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:10 PM

On Wednesday AM who specifically at individual schools will be in charge of verifying results and possibly turning away. In the briefing yesterday Ferebee said "we" will turn people away. Who is the "we" Please do not put this on teachers.

from kate to Everyone: 4:10 PM

What is the metric for determining when classrooms or schools close and when they reopen?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:10 PM

I'm sorry, saying "proactive" isn't meaning that you're actually doing the safest thing. This is ridiculous.

from victor to Everyone: 4:11 PM

Have the COVID-19 virus been isolated?

from Kate to Everyone: 4:11 PM

Seriously? Test to return is not going far enough.

from Katitia Pitts to Everyone: 4:11 PM

What is the protocol for student who were Covid Positive before Christmas and completed the quarantine guidelines? Per the pediatrician the student would still test positive for possibly up to 60 days. Do we need a letter from the Pediatrician so the student can return to school? If so, what should it state? If not, please advise. I do not want him to be out of school in quarantine for 6 weeks waiting for his results to be negative.

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:11 PM

Have you learned nothing from the week before winter break???? WHY are you not improving mitigation measures? Do you just want a repeat of last week with thousands sick in 3 days because your measures are not working???? Why do parents send their kids into your trust?

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:11 PM

Furthermore, is the computer system equipped to handle tens of thousands of test result uploads on January 4th?

from victor to Everyone: 4:11 PM

What is the CT count of the PCR ?

from KPS to Everyone: 4:11 PM

+1 to the question from Katitia Potts

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:11 PM

When will DCPS provide more support to schools so they can more accurately and effectively respond to COVID cases? My daughter (Pre-k 3; ineligible for vaccination) was a close contact on the Monday before break. To date we have still not gotten an official notice about that case, and never received official guidance about how to keep her and ourselves safe. Principals clearly need more support to facilitate these responses.

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:11 PM

CDC is discontinuing RT-PCR test on December 31, 2021 because it cannot distinguish between the flu, cold, SARS-CoV-2. So, how do you know this test kit is effective.

from Elizabeth Stuart to Everyone: 4:11 PM

(The rapid antigen tests shouldn't test positive for people who were infected a week or two ago -- PCR may still be positive indicating virus in the body, but the rapid antigen is more indicating active infection/infectiousness. So people whose kids have recovered should still be able to get a negative test unless the infection is still active). So the concerns about PCR tests staying positive for 90 days won't be true for these rapid antigen tests.

from Steve Donkin to Everyone: 4:11 PM

You're policy to prevent spread in schools did not work before the break. Why should we believe you can do better now?

from Vida to Everyone: 4:12 PM

If a negative antigen test will be acceptable for returning to school in Jan, does this mean in all future cases an antigen test will also be acceptable to rule out COVID when a child presents with symptoms (since the antigen test wasn't sufficient for a child to return to school before)?

from Kate to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Spread is inevitable — stop saying you're being proactive — layered approach isn't working

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Yes, it spreads insanely quickly so one rapid test isn't enough.

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:12 PM

NO student should be turned away from receiving their education. DCPS has an obligation to provide remote learning for all children who do not provide a test on Jan. 5 or test positive.

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Everyone can't be vaccinated, so you're already putting young ones at risk

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Given that antigen tests are not as accurate as PCR tests, the manufacturers recommend retesting within 24-48 hours for accuracy. Why is DCPS not requiring this?

from Kate to Everyone: 4:12 PM

+1 Olivia

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Yes, please answer Steve Donkin's question. Although the answer is: you have NO PLAN and dont care if all kids/staff get sick.

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Similar to the Mayor's Senior Citizens' Party - a potential "superspreader" event?

from LaTanya Higginbotham to Everyone: 4:12 PM

Will DCPS students attending Non-public schools receive free COVID tests during the distribution process at the local schools? How will this work? Are they required to pick up kits thru an alternative distribution process?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Don't tell us to social distance with 30 adult-size students in a classroom.

from Florence to Everyone: 4:13 PM

exactly

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:13 PM

The COVID test gives false positives. This is unfair for students to be forced to stay home because the test was wrong. Don't you think?

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Ferebee: What Grade do you give yourself for the week before Winter Break?

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:13 PM

This approach is rudimentary at best....cleaning and disinfecting needs to be everyday

from victor to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Her need to take our children out of schools immediately. Your testing is psychologically harming my child!

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Will there be additional policing of mask adherence in schools? In my daughter's high school, she reports really lax compliance, once kids are inside.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:13 PM

(and all students, I can't imagine for younger students too!)

from Townes to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Agreed! it's inevitable, this is doing nothing

from Vania Washington to Everyone: 4:13 PM

What if they test negative then test positive two days later

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:13 PM

I AGREE Victor!

from Jen Davis to Everyone: 4:13 PM

With the widespread availability of vaccines and treatments, the likelihood of severe illness among school-age children is extremely low. When will DCPS move away from the idea that we can or should keep all cases out of the schools?

from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:13 PM

I agree that everyone should get tested, however I would be more comfortable with PCR results and for us to at least wait 3-5 days after the holidays. Perhaps a return date of 1/10/2022

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:13 PM

That's what cdc tells you to do when you have tested positive for covid. wipe everything down

from kate to Everyone: 4:13 PM

Why have we not been told the metrics of when schools will open or close?

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:14 PM

Take your children out these schools.

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:14 PM

Do we have subs to send to help cover teachers who are sick and quarantining? Are there DCPS central office employees who have already been vetted that can be deployed?

from victor to Everyone: 4:14 PM

Thank you Kim!

from April York to Everyone: 4:14 PM

why are antigen test being used when the accuracy is ineffective? the antigen test can report "negative" but the PCR test show positive

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:14 PM

Why are rapid tests administered by the school (outside, in line, in batches of 20, line up parent volunteers now to assist) on the morning of return? The rapid antigen test (of limited utility given low sensitivity in early days of omicron infection) is only a 10 or 15 min wait.

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:14 PM

CDC says no one should be on a cruise. How are our schools any different? <https://twitter.com/SweeneyABC/status/1476611709112664076>

from kate to Everyone: 4:14 PM

If vaxxed kids test positive, will they have to quarantine?

from Christopher to Everyone: 4:14 PM

Good afternoon, with many students, staff and educators, taking public transport, would it be prudent to start back virtually until cases in DC begin to fall. As educators, safe learning is best!

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:14 PM

We weren't properly quarantining before Omicron.

from sk to Everyone: 4:14 PM

DCPS is being so irresponsible. No one loves virtual learning but is safest. Bowser should be ashamed.

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:15 PM

The current speaker (DC Health) seems to assume parents will balk at the rapid test policy.....but quite obviously, it's NOT rigorous enough.

from Joan Hay to Everyone: 4:15 PM

I would like a FAQ sheet for people like me who tested positive over Winter Break

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:15 PM

She is ashamed. That's why she's not here...

from robyn to Everyone: 4:15 PM

Who is we? Central office who works from home?

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:15 PM

please take a walk around our schools and tell me how much social distancing is facting, how well the handwashing is done, the quality of the masks, and the fit of those. The holes in our cheese are way way big

from Florence to Everyone: 4:15 PM

we should go back to virtual

from Sabrina to Everyone: 4:15 PM

I agree

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:15 PM

Who is checking the tests?

from victor to Everyone: 4:15 PM

Can we opt out of test? This is a violation of our 4th Amendment Rights! You are criminals!

from Laura Kleinmann to Everyone: 4:15 PM

How in the world will this work logistically?

from deyssy mosso to Everyone: 4:15 PM

Please stop sending so much texts its hard to listen and checking the chat

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:15 PM

#BikeLanesForBooks SHAME!

from kia proctor to Everyone: 4:15 PM

I have a Pre-K4 student and he is difficult when it comes Covid testing. How would he be properly tested weekly if the have a hard time testing him weekly?

from April York to Everyone: 4:15 PM

Virtual needs to be an option period despite infection status.

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:15 PM

It is important that kids get their educations in person--but that doesn't mean they cannot get their educations remotely, that they don't learn remotely, and that everyone is always best in person.

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:15 PM

YES VICTOR! Complete violation of my children's rights!

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:15 PM

When do schools across the district undergo a deep cleaning? When are students have the opportunity to socially distance in classrooms?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:16 PM

What is happening to the people who aren't completing this protocol?

from Joanne to Everyone: 4:16 PM

THANK YOU so much for all you're doing to **KEEP SCHOOLS OPEN**. Much appreciated.

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:16 PM

HOW will you know it's that's child's test

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:16 PM

or teacher

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:16 PM

RT @Kyra!

from victor to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Do not give your children these test!

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:16 PM

WHAT IF THERE AREN'T ENOUGH TEACHERS ON THE 5TH, WHAT IS THE PLAN?

from Olivia to Everyone: 4:16 PM

I think the sub situation really need to be considered. I don't think it's possible to staff schools if staffing considers to be an issue

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Have you load tested the website to be sure that it can handle all the input you are requesting?

from Solange Ashby to Everyone: 4:16 PM

The Cleveland Park library ran out of rapid antigen tests at 2:30 after beginning to hand them out at noon. There clearly are not enough tests available at that site. How can we be sure that we will be able to get a test on Monday at our child's school?

from Pamela Tyler-Bodrick to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Can staff pick up the test at a school closer to our homes

from Glenda pricelivingston to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Will virtual learning be an option in light of seriousness of covid 19.

from Jakkie Foster to Everyone: 4:16 PM

What is the option for children to learn because we ARE going to be in quarantine possibly several times and how will this effect grades in accordance to OSSE's policy on attendance? Will hybrid be an option????

from Vida to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Why not require a more accurate/precise test (PCR)—i.e. as required by airlines or when returning to the US from an international trip?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:16 PM

Victor, don't send your kids to schools if they won't take a COVID test please. It is valid to make sure your child isn't sick to go to school.

from robyn to Everyone: 4:17 PM

What about families who do not have internet access?

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:17 PM

NO TEST NO SCHOOL. CHILDREN NEED TO BE VACCINATED. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE.

from April York to Everyone: 4:17 PM

how do u account that the test reported corresponds with the student that supposed to have taken it?

from AB to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Yes @parent

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Yes! What's happening with families that want to quarantine because they feel it's unsafe??

from sk to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Additionally, if children are kept home because they're sick or believed to be sick, why are absences being counted?

from jr to Everyone: 4:17 PM

@VICTOR just homeschool your children

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:17 PM

If my child is not sick they should be able to go to school Test or not!!!!

from victor to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Do not give our children the test.

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Rapid is not accurate for omicron

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:17 PM

What happens when parents don't upload their sons/daughters' results (but show up to school the next day)?

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Upload exactly what?? a photo? How do you know it is the result of each respective individual?

from victor to Everyone: 4:17 PM

Will do

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:17 PM

None of these tests are accurate.

from jr to Everyone: 4:17 PM

thanks!

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:17 PM

BOTS

from jaclyn to Everyone: 4:17 PM

What happens if a students comes to school without an uploaded test result?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:18 PM

They are trying to control our children and making them submit to something against our will. Mayor Bowser is working with CDC and Big Pharma and is getting paid to force vaxx and submit to testing.

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:18 PM

How will we know if the results sent in remain in the right hands

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Parents stop complying! We do not co-parent with the government.

from Dionte Epps to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Not everyone agrees with vaxxing our children or are trusting these vaccines. What are our options???

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:18 PM

+1 -- Why have we not been told the metrics of when schools will open or close?

from Shana to Everyone: 4:18 PM

So then what is the point? Just to show numbers in seats??? What are you all doing?

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:18 PM

PLEASE TEST THESE KIDS AS AN EDUCATOR AND, PARENT.

from April York to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Antigen testing is not effective it doesn't properly report results why is DC government officials not comprehending this?

from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Mr. Ferbee, how will staff be able to verify that every child dropped off is indeed tested?

Should we perhaps maybe not return in a staggered way such as done at the begging of hear for better control?

from m s to Everyone: 4:18 PM

what a bunch of clowns. DCPS is a joke

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Is any quick antigen test we can get from a pharmacy or other store is okay?

from KM to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Will Virtual Learning now be offered to family who do not feel comfortable with in person learning? Why are students being offered KN95 mask like the teachers/staff?

from AB to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Thank you @parent

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:18 PM

What is the data on this New antigen test kit?

from Katitia Pitts to Everyone: 4:18 PM

How will school officials know which kids are positive or negative on 01/05? Will they have a list prior to entering the school building on 01/05/2021?

from Elspeth Grasso to Everyone: 4:18 PM

What happens if students/teachers refuse to take the test? Seems like that might be an unfortunate trend...

from victor to Everyone: 4:18 PM

The vaccines are not safe and effective!

from Elizabeth Silva to Everyone: 4:18 PM

Is this a one-time testing policy after the holidays or is DCPS considering or planning to have this testing for all students done regularly moving forward, like weekly?

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:19 PM

How will school staff know if students are negative?

from kia proctor to Everyone: 4:19 PM

Also why can't all Pre-K students transition now to virtual learning? A lot of them don't keep their mask on throughout the day and can be exposed easily. You putting these kids' lives in danger!!!!

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:19 PM

@Victor and @Kim Jones I think you mean to say that it's a violation of the ADA to *not* be regularly testing students...

from Celeste to Everyone: 4:19 PM

These steps assume parents have bought into testing process, have access to internet, and are going to be compliant

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:19 PM

IGNORE THE IGNORANCE. #TestEveryone

from April York to Everyone: 4:19 PM

DC government officials please talk to the science community your ignorance is affecting the Districts residents and it's alarming

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:19 PM

MY CHILD NEVER GETS SICK AND DOES NOT NEED TO GET TESTED. WE BOOST OUR IMMUNE SYSTEMS IN MY HOUSE!

from Kathy to Everyone: 4:19 PM

What is the proof? A photo?

from Sincere Coles to Everyone: 4:19 PM

This is crazy

from Kate to Everyone: 4:19 PM

+1 Kia

from Scott to Everyone: 4:19 PM

Is the vaccine effective?

from Laura Kleinmann to Everyone: 4:19 PM

My question exactly-will this happen every week?

from Melvina to Everyone: 4:19 PM

There's no sub-link or area that is intuitive to see where to upload the results. I'm on the safe return site now.

from Florence to Everyone: 4:19 PM

is the number 24 hr

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:19 PM

The test kit itself doesn't offer any indication of when it's taken, so how is a photo of the result "proof" of negative results?

from jr to Everyone: 4:19 PM

then @kim, home school your kids

from m s to Everyone: 4:19 PM

what's the easiest way to fake these tests?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:19 PM

Some of these comments are cray cray!

from KPS to Everyone: 4:19 PM

If you test postiive on the 4th and then test negative a couple days later, do they upload the negative test?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:20 PM

Do you upload a picture to the website?

from Kazumi Jones to Everyone: 4:20 PM

If we decide to keep our children at home until this spike goes down, will they be excused?

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:20 PM

If a person is negative Monday that does not mean they are negative Wednesday

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:20 PM

Are there enough Substitute Teachers incase the teachers have to quarantine? Educational Aides/Paraprofessionals are not suppose to take over the class.

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:20 PM

JR. It's called standing up for your rights.

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:20 PM

TESTING EVERYONE IN BUILDING EVERY WEEK

from cathy gurgol to Everyone: 4:20 PM

why is the quarantine 10 days when the CDC reduced the quarantine to 5?

from Kate to Everyone: 4:20 PM

Right Minna — this really doesn't do anything

from Scott to Everyone: 4:20 PM

Isn't the vaccine effective?

from Elspeth Grasso to Everyone: 4:20 PM

This is so much room for error in this process!!

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:20 PM

You have your agenda and I have mine!

from cindy to Everyone: 4:20 PM

I hope the website does not have any issues with the 5pm time limit to show results

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:20 PM

WHAT is the education plan for students who test positive??

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:20 PM

PARENTS: IF YOU BELIEVE THIS PLAN IS UNSAFE FOR TEACHERS/STUDENTS, EMAIL.BECKY.CROUSE@GMAIL.COM TO JOIN AN ACTION GROUP ASAP!!! WE NEED TO STOP THIS BEFORE ALL THE STUDENTS/STAFF ARE SICK AND LAST WEEK IS EVIDENCE THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

from victor to Everyone: 4:20 PM

How do you know if the faculty are negative?

from Melissa McClam to Everyone: 4:20 PM

I agree with Kia Proctor. Makes no sense that they putting our children at risk

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:20 PM

GO AWAY LOUDON COUNTY

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:20 PM

I advise everyone to subscribe to www.thehighwire.com and www.brighteon.com

from jr to Everyone: 4:20 PM

and @KIM, your agenda isnt intellegent so just stop. You and victor can go to your own chat

from m s to Everyone: 4:20 PM

do not comply with this anti-scientific bs

from Brooke to Everyone: 4:20 PM

DCPS - Thank you so much for prioritizing in-person school and doing what is in your power to make it happen. Our kids mental health and education is far more important than this respiratory illness that has become more like a cold if you are vaccinated.

from Katitia Pitts to Everyone: 4:21 PM

So if my son have quarantine for the past 10 days and have a positive test on the 4th he has to stay home for another 10 days?

from Keyla Hernandez-Ulloa to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Will there be virtual learning for students who test positive and must quarantine?

from Zielinski to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Why not return only when they test negative on a rapid test?

from Elizabeth Harshaw to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Please - will you share the slide deck?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:21 PM

I advise everyone to believe in science not kooks you find on-line@

from victor to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Thank unhappy parents

from Scott to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Is the vaccine effective?

from Katitia Pitts to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Will there be virtual learning for the students who have to quarantine for 10 days?

from Nicole Bates to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Why do fully vaccinated kids need to stay home for 10 days if they test positive not 5?

from Helen McClure to Everyone: 4:21 PM

@Shameka: school is ALL about controlling kids. How is this different? They have to have a measles vaccine before they can stay in school...

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Anyone familiar with Chemtrails?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:21 PM

Could there be some kind of DCPS virtual academy so individual schools that are already short staffed don't have to simulcast?

from robyn to Everyone: 4:21 PM

its about time

from victor to Everyone: 4:21 PM

If the mask work, then why six feet

from Melvina to Everyone: 4:21 PM

On the Safe Return site, there's the schedule, information on where to pick up - however no place designated to upload the results.

from robyn to Everyone: 4:22 PM

what about kn95 masks for students?

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:22 PM

+1 for this question: If we decide to keep our children at home until this spike goes down, will they be excused? --> I am not planning to send my 3 yr old prior to 1/10 because I have no faith that testing immediately after travel and family gatherings over the break is an effective way to catch all COVID cases.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:22 PM

How many masks though? You also gave us one sleeve of cups for several weeks so I don't trust your supplies.

rom Kyra to Everyone: 4:22 PM

oh wow K95 masks...that will be sure to keep my family from catching covid in an enclosed building

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Will we have a KN95 for every day?

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:22 PM

77,000 uploads will work on Tuesday?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:22 PM

THERE ARE NO SUBS.

from JMcLaughlin to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Will kn95 masks be provided for students?

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:22 PM

The DCPS covid response guidance is very poorly articulated. And guidance from CDC has changed in several ways. DCPS wpuod dinitrato a favor tô have a one page scenario-based definitive flow chart of what to do n what situation for two student populations: vaccinated and unvaccinated.

from Zielinski to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Can KN95 or KF94 masks be provided to students?

from Wanda Brooks to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Do the tests have serial numbers/tracking numbers to verify the authenticity of the test results?

from Sarah Cissna to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Who is actually distributing the tests at schools next week? Is that now on principals to figure out?

from Jennifer Snowden-McKay to Everyone: 4:22 PM

1) The self-reported test results are not going to be reliable, can you consider having all students go virtual for the first week (or so) while the city and schools administer PCR tests for all students, faculty and staff? (2) How can we be ensured that the schools will be adequately staffed next week? We received a text alert at 8:15am on the last day of school before the break altering us that school would be cancelled due to staff shortages.

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:22 PM

What happen to the other diseases that exist?

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:22 PM

TEACHERS NEED MORE THAN 1 MASK PER WEEK

from Ebony martin to Everyone: 4:22 PM

Yes are there options for parents who wish to keep their children at home until this surge subsides?

from Pamela Tyler-Bodrick to Everyone: 4:23 PM

DCPS has a shortage on substitute teachers hiring process takes up to 5-6 weeks.

from robyn to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Will everyone in central office be available to sub?

from Danno to Everyone: 4:23 PM

where's dr nesbitt?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Children are not getting sick and dying from covid! More DC kids have been killed by cars since Covid began than have been killed by covid!

from Christina Kordatou to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Why did it take 10 days to get COVID Test results? The turn-around time should be way faster... I have an at-risk individual at home, as do many!

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Six feet apart, wear a mask, get injected... This bigger than a pandemic and everyone need to open the eyes before it's to late.

from Celeste to Everyone: 4:23 PM

We can't get families to comply with the mask mandate and now we are presuming that families will be comply with this test protocol honestly

from Scott to Everyone: 4:23 PM

I thought the vaccine was effective

from Nogzi Abiaka to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Can you please provide clarification on how parents should handle one child being exposed to COVID-19 if there's multiple children attending DCPS schools. Is it acceptable to keep all children home?

from debbie to Everyone: 4:23 PM

I thought CDC just changed the quarantine period to FIVE days for asymptomatic people who test positive

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:23 PM

Please send subs

from charese plater to Everyone: 4:23 PM

What adoptions for alternative testing are offered for Special Needs students who are unable to endure nasal swabs due to se story issues? Are saliva tests being offered as well?

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:23 PM

The masks provided for children in class are not sized for children. They literally hang off of 3-year-olds faces; please purchase masks sized for young children when supplying masks for young children.

from jaclyn to Everyone: 4:23 PM

There is no social distancing!

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:24 PM

JR, neither does yours. I have proof to back me. Not mainstream media.

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:24 PM

How can you say "ensure our schools are safe" when last week makes CLEAR they are not and you are not properly prepared?

from robyn to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Did anyone connect with teachers when these "great strategies" were being thought of?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:24 PM

I got COVID at school right before the holidays. We cannot social distance. Our health screening is just "covid symptoms?" kids don't test. Kids take masks off constantly. It. Is. Not. Safe.

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Will teachers' religious and medical exemptions get approved or will DCPS proceed with progressive disciplinary actions against its employees?

from Owen Bonheimer to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Thank you to DCPS fpr

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:24 PM

have you seen 'social distancing' in our classrooms?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Kids are not dying from covid!

from Owen Bonheimer to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Thank you for

from m s to Everyone: 4:24 PM

what authority does DCPS think it has to collect and aggregate private health information?

from Scott to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Is the vaccine effective?

from jr to Everyone: 4:24 PM

@tom, kids aren't the only people in the school building...duh

from Elspeth Grasso to Everyone: 4:24 PM

@tomquinn What about their parents and grandparents? What about my parents and grandparents? What if I bring it home with me and infect my family?

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:24 PM

@Tom, kids are not dying of covid for the most part, but how about parents and grandparents that might be in contact with them?

from kate to Everyone: 4:24 PM

I honestly feel like DCPS is not listening to families and staff.

from nona ransom to Everyone: 4:24 PM

Parents have not been doing this ask ask look.

from Monica to Everyone: 4:24 PM

This is cool, but how do we ensure that school leaders are continuing to implement these practices?

from victor to Everyone: 4:25 PM

The DNA altering jabs are makes you patented by big pharma

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:25 PM

@duh - the adults should all be vaccinated and boosted.

from m s to Everyone: 4:25 PM

they have none. do not comply with these fools

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:25 PM

Adults are @Tom & kids are getting sick. The biggest concern is kids getting it from each other and giving to adults at school & at home.

from Celeste to Everyone: 4:25 PM

Asymptomatic students show up everyday

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:25 PM

Wow Tom, you are cold. You pleased that Colin Powell died?

from nona ransom to Everyone: 4:25 PM

Who is holding the parents accountable for doing the ask ask look.

from Owen Bonheimer to Everyone: 4:25 PM

emphasizing in person learning. For some families and children, virtual is not an option and is more destructive to their development. There is no vaccine against the isolating effect of long term virtual schooling.

from Danno to Everyone: 4:25 PM

CDC says tests can be positive up to 12 weeks after getting covid. what's DCPS' plan to address this?

from jr to Everyone: 4:25 PM

@tom, people are still getting sick even with the vaccine and booster...you're very ignorant

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:25 PM

How would a kindergartener know they been in close contact with a positive person?

from kia proctor to Everyone: 4:26 PM

The emergency room gonna be flooded again with dcps sending kids home for a general cold. Having to sit in the Emergency Room for 6-8 hours to get a Covid test

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:26 PM

Adults should be vaccinnated and our kids should be in school. End of story. Colin Powell was severly immunocompromised but nice try.

from victor to Everyone: 4:26 PM

Many boosted employees on my Govt job are out sick! Contractors are shutting down until further notice!

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:26 PM

Excuse me -- we aren't notified when students in my class are COVID positive unless the family has told me. My desks are less than 3 feet away from each other and to teach I have to walk around the room.

from Rita to Everyone: 4:26 PM

I got covid from school then gave it to my entire family.

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:26 PM

Dr. Bren Elliott, even a conscientious student may well not know if anyone they are around has tested positive within the past (or next) ten days.

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:26 PM

The mask are not effective. You are doing more harm to your children who wears a mask 8 hours day at school.

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:26 PM

If a child has a cold and tested negative for covid, what is the protocol for this situation

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:26 PM

The biggest concern isn't even children spreading it to ther relatives at home -- the biggest concern in a *public* school system is ensuring equitable access to education for all learners, INCLUDING immunocompromised students whose lives are at risk when there is COVID in their classrooms.

from Jen Davis to Everyone: 4:26 PM

If asymptomatic testing is aimed at testing unvaccinated students, how do we report that our child is vaccinated? She has been fully vaccinated for a month and no one has asked.

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:26 PM

Can't DCPS provide face shields and microphone equipment so that students can hear us with our masks on?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:26 PM

The Vax have graphene oxide in it and people are getting cancer, blood clots, heart issues, etc...

from Melissa McClam to Everyone: 4:27 PM

If parents choose not to send their child or children back to school will virtual learning be an option for them

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:27 PM

@shameka - you are nuts!

from jr to Everyone: 4:27 PM

@tom just stop! you sound very ignorant right now

from Scott to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Isn't the vaccine effective though?

from Helen McClure to Everyone: 4:27 PM

@Kim Jones: our rights include our children not getting sick from your children who apparently "never get sick."

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Tom, you're insane

from m s to Everyone: 4:27 PM

https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/OPT%20OUT%20SchoolBased%20Testing_082721_1.pdf

from Terrance Davis to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Welcome to the NEW CHINA/N. KOREA/RUSSIA. This is not a democracy. People need to be ashamed but they are not

from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Why not test 100% of the population weekly?

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Parents: these dingdongs are not going to change. Go to the press. The average DC citizen has no idea DCPS is endangering kids and spreading COVID everywhere. They need to be--and they all need to lose their jobs.

from Kristen Santiago to Everyone: 4:27 PM

Can parents/kids opt out of testing?

from Danno to Everyone: 4:27 PM

yes

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:28 PM

+1 for James' question: why not test 100% weekly?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:28 PM

@Tom, you're brainwashed

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:28 PM

@Shameka - sorry but I believe in science and you are just spouting nonsense.

from M&J Bates to Everyone: 4:28 PM

Thank you to the team that thought ahead and procured the rapid test kits that have been available at libraries and will be at schools next week. We appreciate the advanced planning.

from Sameera Daniels to Everyone: 4:28 PM

Rapid Antigen should be administered very frequently to reduce spread

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:28 PM

IS THE TESTING STILL ONLY 10% OF THOSE WHO CHOOSE???

from jr to Everyone: 4:28 PM

this doesn't work! i work at a school where we don't test nearly enough students and many cases go under reported!

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:28 PM

@ Helen. Let's boost our immune systems. And yes! NEVER get sick. No quotes needed.

from Joanne to Everyone: 4:28 PM

They will test 100% weekly, starting Jan. 10. 1/5 of kids every day of the week.

from Hillary Webster to Everyone: 4:28 PM

We have picked up the rapid tests at the library several times the last few days, super helpful

from Danno to Everyone: 4:28 PM

tests are in high demand. dcps cant test 90,000 kids weekly

from Elizabeth Stuart to Everyone: 4:29 PM

+1 Sameera - I hope rapid tests will be used more frequently than they were in the fall (which was almost none).

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:29 PM

DCPS--the notices for exposure are taking too long to go out. Are you committed to send those more often?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:29 PM

@Tom, you believe science and I'm assuming you don't believe in God

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:29 PM

Wow, way to throw it to the office staff at schools

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:29 PM

PLEASE STOP FUDGING THE NUMBERS; POSITIVE RESULTS OF SCHOOLS: STAFF + STUDENTS.

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:29 PM

and what about others in the school? we spent christmas eve trying to get a covid test not bc of other students but bc the teacher tested positive.

from Olivia to Everyone: 4:29 PM

I wish we would consider other testing beyond spit tests. We rarely have enough students to test due to eating, chewing gum, wearing anything on their lips. Why not the other tests?

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:29 PM

I'm shocked that people who are tasked to be educators are arguing like children here. People can we please stop arguing about whether the vaccine or masks work? Let us just accept the fact that right now, we as educators, are being asked for both.

from Alaija Moulden to Everyone: 4:29 PM

Testing does not occur every week there are times where no one shows up to administer tests then they expect school staff to do the testing while they watch

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:29 PM

How can Central Office support individual schools in this?

from jr to Everyone: 4:29 PM

@elizabeth, YES!!!!!! at my school, we have KNOWN positive cases from before break and still notices have not gone out!

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:30 PM

and my kids are supposed to know whether a teacher has tested positive before me?

from Kazumi Jones to Everyone: 4:30 PM

School doesn't share detailed information (who is positive), so I can't ask my children if they had close contact with someone I don't know who...

from sk to Everyone: 4:30 PM

Because they're not communicating the way they claimed they would

from Shana to Everyone: 4:30 PM

Same @jr

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:30 PM

Parents home school your children

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:30 PM

We have never made 20% of our 1000+ school. We don't receive notifications or contact trace properly. I am so sick of this. We need to mandate weekly testing. CLASSWIDE? That would be great. Please do.

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:30 PM

Same here -- still waiting on notice for the case that resulted in a close contact for my daughter

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:30 PM

@jr. the same in our--the parents were the ones sharing and mobilizing. school took 3-5 days to notify families

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:30 PM

You are LEGALLY REQUIRED TO DO CLASSROOM NOTIFICATIONS! Are you unaware of your legal obligations DCPS? Are you kidding me???

from Simone to Everyone: 4:30 PM

There have been over 10,000 confirmed cases in the last seven days and cases have increased by over 1300% this month. It isn't safe to resume in-person learning, and I understand the desire to return but why risk our kid's health?

from 23179274417 to Everyone: 4:30 PM

It looks like teachers will be more occupied doing contact tracing than teaching. Does it mean that there will be no IMPACT this SY?

rom James Isreal to Everyone: 4:31 PM

er4g56

from Danno to Everyone: 4:31 PM

why no chat moderation or responses from panel?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:31 PM

CDC have data showing adverse side effects from the jabs VAERS... Parents do your research

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:31 PM

We need to hire more staff so our teams can handle this higher amount of work on top of the already stressful jobs

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:31 PM

I do not understand why schools do not tell teachers when someone is CV-19 or has come in close contact with someone who has. We are near students all the time and it makes no sense that we are too often the last to know.

from Shana to Everyone: 4:31 PM

I was told close contact is not same class but instead based on seating charts... smh

from Scott to Everyone: 4:31 PM

@Simone, you should get the vaccine - its very effective

from Craig to Everyone: 4:31 PM

The comments here are disturbing and lack respect of others opinions.

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:31 PM

WE NEED TO START OVER: NEW MAYOR

from Simone to Everyone: 4:31 PM

@Scott - I am vaccinated

from victor to Everyone: 4:31 PM

No mayor!

from m s to Everyone: 4:32 PM

REPLACE DCPS

from jr to Everyone: 4:32 PM

yes @parent

from robyn to Everyone: 4:32 PM

THIS IS PSYCHOTIC! Why case by case? why didnt you build virtual days into the orginial calendar? you do not care about staff or students

from Katrina Owens to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Are we required to use the rapid test provided by DC government? We purchased rapid antigen home tests from CVS. Can these tests be utilized and results uploaded on Tuesday?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:32 PM

@Shameka - CDC has even more data on the adverse effects of not getting vaccinated@

from jr to Everyone: 4:32 PM

BOWSER must be voted out!

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Parents consider the psychological impact you are putting on your children/child.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Why isnt

from victor to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Our children are wards of the state!

from Sara G to Everyone: 4:32 PM

@katrina, they said you could get your own test if you prefer

from victor to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Thanks Nigel

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:32 PM

Will we switch back to nostril swabs instead of the saliva testing(unsanitary) and many students are unable to produce saliva to get an accurate test

from Danno to Everyone: 4:33 PM

does dcps still have enough devices and hotspots for virtual?

from 23179274417 to Everyone: 4:33 PM

Please, do not sacrifice our kids and teachers.

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:33 PM

Ethane oxide are on the swabs

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:33 PM

FOLLOW THE MONEY

from Simone to Everyone: 4:33 PM

With the astronomical rise in cases, I genuinely don't understand why sending the kids back to school is even being considered.

from Helen McClure to Everyone: 4:33 PM

@m s DCPS collects and aggregates private health information EVERY YEAR on that health form the pediatrician has to fill out for you kid to start school.

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:33 PM

Who came up with this plan?

from jr to Everyone: 4:33 PM

i have done the saliva testing at my school and it is so unsanitary and many of the students cannot produce enough saliva! They also come to my school after lunch where many students can't participate because its been less than an hour. so whats the point?!?

from Elizabeth Dandridge to Everyone: 4:33 PM

Let's all extend a little grace to the schools. The staff is operating under extenuating circumstances. This is a stressful time and there are still many things that we don't know about this virus. Heck, the scientist don't even know. So, let's work together and stop with the snarky, sarcastic comments.

from Judy Brinckerhoff to Everyone: 4:33 PM

Will the district please consider distributing rapid antigen tests to all children - including parochial and independent school children? That way the children can be tested with the same test and there is equity for the safety of all DC's students, staff and faculty

from Scott to Everyone: 4:34 PM

The vaccine is effective.

from Helen McClure to Everyone: 4:34 PM

+1 Scott

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:34 PM

concerns? in dc covid cases are up about 1,000%! <https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-cases-spike-in-dc-maryland-and-virginia/2921055/>

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:34 PM

What are they doing with our children DNA

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:34 PM

If you're not eligible thehn what are your steps?

from victor to Everyone: 4:34 PM

@Scott tell that to the folks on my job

from Terrance Davis to Everyone: 4:34 PM

@Tom. What science? Have you ever taken a statistics course? How are all these numbers being tallied in real time and we cannot even come together on anything that pertains to a positive way of life. Now COVID-19 and we suppose to follow these sellouts and follow like sheep? Again where is the science? Has it been peer-reviewed? Are they receiving the same results? Show me facts and I'll show you a human being. These clones do not speak facts. They speak to save their paycheck

from April York to Everyone: 4:34 PM

Why doesn't DC make the call that all schools switch back 5o Virtual until the spikes go back down? It will get worse coming off this holiday season

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:34 PM

Yall aren't making any sense

from Valerie Jablow to All Panelists: 4:34 PM

Are the panelists here going to sub when teachers get sick with your plan?

from Mason to Everyone: 4:34 PM

What is the plan for teachers with children in districts that are on virtual learning?

from m s to Everyone: 4:34 PM

<https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/media-resources/the-pfizer-inoculations-for-covid-19-more-harm-than-good-2/>

from robyn to Everyone: 4:34 PM

+1 Apri

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:34 PM

I would suggest we work together to push them to make smart decisions for our kids. KN95s for kids who cannot afford them is a very sensible and not too expensive ask and will reduce the cases

from Nikki to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Why can't we let school open on January 11, 2021. because I'm confused

from Loretta Martin to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Folks please let the chat rest! Your constant negativity is not very helpful!

from Danno to Everyone: 4:35 PM

virtual isnt an option for a lot of families. not everyone has an au pair

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:35 PM

-0000000 Scott.

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:35 PM

@Shameka - maybe they are sending our kids DNA to the Russians?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Can you answer some Q's from the chat before you close??

from alina baci to Everyone: 4:35 PM

will school provide information about what families with positive kids do?

from Pamela Tyler-Bodrick to Everyone: 4:35 PM

If DCPS continue to place up to 20+ students in a class, who are in close contact, M-F 8:30am 3:13pm, they can expect this virus to stay on the rise. You can not say practice the safety guidelines when students are actually clustered together in a classroom. You especially can not expect a class of 18-20 PreK students to social distance no matter how hard you try. This diminishes them socially-emotionally.

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Vaccination is not a one size fit off. Promote health

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:35 PM

This is sad because as much as I hate to say this..this is all about money

from April York to Everyone: 4:35 PM

YOU CAN STILL GET COVID BEING VACCINATED AND BOOSTED

from Kita to Everyone: 4:35 PM

@Simone as a educator and parent I agree 100%. Sending our kids back is crazy at this point. I'm still trying to figure out to what extent are they waiting on in order to return schools to virtual!! They could careless!

from victor to Everyone: 4:35 PM

<https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/media-resources/the-pfizer-inoculations-for-covid-19-more-harm-than-good-2/>

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:35 PM

If it's effective then why are people still getting it and dying?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Promote health, exercise, etc

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:35 PM

PARENTS: IF YOU BELIEVE THIS PLAN IS UNSAFE FOR TEACHERS/STUDENTS, EMAIL.BECKY.CROUSE@GMAIL.COM TO JOIN AN ACTION GROUP ASAP!!! WE NEED TO STOP THIS BEFORE ALL THE STUDENTS/STAFF ARE SICK AND LAST WEEK IS EVIDENCE THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Getting vaccinated does not mean anything. My coworker got the booster and test positive for covid

from Solange Ashby to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Please send additional tests. The sites are running out of tests after a couple of hours.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Please be transparent on WHAT METRICS YOU ARE FOLLOWING?

from victor to Everyone: 4:35 PM

<https://twitter.com/timtruth1/status/1476055828369137667?s=21>

from Melissa McClam to Everyone: 4:35 PM

Some children are too young to be vaccinated

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Dr. Peter McCullough. Please look him up!

from kate to Everyone: 4:36 PM

WHAT METRICS ARE YOU USING TO OPEN OR CLOSE SCHOOLS?

from Cosby Hunt to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Thank you Elizabeth.

from m s to Everyone: 4:36 PM

ALL RISK NO BENEFIT TO KIDS WHO HAVE BEEN INJECTED

from Scott Crane to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Will there be new guidance on acceptable masks for kids per CDC?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:36 PM

We're asking that you answer some Q's from the chat.....

from victor to Everyone: 4:36 PM

<https://twitter.com/timtruth1/status/1476055828369137667?s=21>

from kate to Everyone: 4:36 PM

PLEASE answer Qs from this chat

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:36 PM

@Olivia Lucas, clearly case counts don't seem to matter

from Lely Constantinople to Everyone: 4:36 PM

cosby!

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:36 PM

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from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Dr. David Martin look him up.

from robyn to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Pay attention to the chat, please

from Abby Marsh to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Thank you so much for your commitment to keeping schools open and taking all these measures to ensure we can do so as safely as possible. I'm very grateful.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:36 PM

Why aren't you answering any questions in the chat?

from April York to Everyone: 4:36 PM

DCPS leadership is sad. DCPS leadership are putting the children and staff at risk. this is a disgrace

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:36 PM

offer alternatives

from Melissa McClam to Everyone: 4:36 PM

What happens if you can't upload the test results because you are at work

from Kristine DuPree to Everyone: 4:36 PM

IF the parent does not have access to a computer/internet; how should the test results be provided to the school?

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:36 PM

I thought this was to learn about how to keep teachers, students, and parents safe. Please can the moderator stop these very unhelpful anti-vax comments. Everyone is entitled to their thoughts, but we are all here struggling to make sure that we stay safe and healthy.

from Simone to Everyone: 4:36 PM

@Kita exactly! I know several people personally who are vaccinated who have contracted Covid this month. I am avaccinated, but with how quickly it is spreading it is just safer to lockdown again for a while...why even take the chance?

from Helen McClure to Everyone: 4:37 PM

Question for all you parents of young children out there: I understand you don't feel safe, since your kids can't be vaccinated. But how was last school year, when you tried to do virtual pre-school?

from Sabrina to Everyone: 4:37 PM

This should my choice to send my kids back for in person learning

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:37 PM

just all in person at once makes no sense

from Cosby Hunt to Everyone: 4:37 PM

Hey Lely :-)

from Karen to Everyone: 4:37 PM

The website/upload site is going to crash on January 4th

from Lely Constantinople to Everyone: 4:37 PM

;))

from Melvina to Everyone: 4:37 PM

Thank you Chancellor Ferebee and everyone for keeping our children safe. This isn't easy stuff.

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:37 PM

how about the hybrid schedules you considered last year?

from 23179274417 to Everyone: 4:37 PM

There are vital questions in this chat.

from desiree to Everyone: 4:37 PM

it's a cold... it's not that serious UNLESS you have a weak immune system. it's a cold at best

from Andre'a Timmons to Everyone: 4:37 PM

How can we be safe if we have people from the district in and out of our classroom observing?

from Medea to Everyone: 4:37 PM

They aren't even answering the question answer slot

from m s to Everyone: 4:37 PM

<https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/media-resources/the-pfizer-inoculations-for-covid-19-more-harm-than-good-2/>

from Shana to Everyone: 4:37 PM

So a town hall that doesn't address the direct concerns of the "town"... ok great

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:37 PM

The hotline is an answering machine?!

from kate to Everyone: 4:37 PM

We should all call the hotline

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:37 PM

+1 to Olivia Lucas' request to share decision-making metrics

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:37 PM

I feel trolled.

from Shana to Everyone: 4:37 PM

Oh ok good

from Patrice McCoy-Rogers to Everyone: 4:37 PM

Will this presentation be distributed to participants?

from robyn to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Bc they are trolling us Betsy!

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:38 PM

The Mayor met with Faucci in July and now she's pushing the force jabs.

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Being vaccinated does not mean that you do not get the virus. It means that it significantly reduces the chances of transmission and dying.

from kia proctor to Everyone: 4:38 PM

I have two kids in dcps they didn't test my daughter twice during there weekly Covid testing. She got Covid in school through another student and now me and my 4 year old tested positive. Had to quarantine throughout the whole winter break

from victor to Everyone: 4:38 PM

<https://twitter.com/timtruth1/status/1476055828369137667?s=21>

from Hillary Webster to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Are you sure you want to thank us for our questions? ;)

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Parents: many of you are clearly very unhappy about the infections about to happen rapidly. You can change this if folks band together

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from James Isreal to Everyone: 4:38 PM

There are teachers vaccinated and boosted yet still are getting sick with COVID along with students. There are expressed concerns and fears that vaccination is not enough because of the infectious abilities of COVID and its mutations. A strong consideration should be given to virtual option or a blended model where all students are not in the building at the same time and smaller socially-distanced classrooms can be managed safely.

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:38 PM

@ Hillary, LOL

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:38 PM

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from Fatu Konteh to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Where do we put the test after taking it

from Scott to Everyone: 4:38 PM

The vaccine is really effective, right?

from Jennifer Snowden-McKay to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Can you please consider pushing the start date and can we re-institute a hybrid schedule of in-person learning M/T/Th/F and asynchronous learning on Wednesdays? Buildings would remain open (in limited capacity) to accommodate families who do not have the option to keep their children home. Schools could use that day to do the following (a) send tests home every Tuesday and require results to be uploaded on Wednesday before 4pm, (b) use the day off to deep clean the facilities, and (c) provide students with supplemental academic and SEL support.

from Tamika to Everyone: 4:38 PM

Do everyone has to test whether they are vaccinated or not?

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:38 PM

<https://www.owupress.com/the-5-essential-truths-about-covid-19-dr-peter-mccullough-1600>

from Scott to Everyone: 4:39 PM

@Jennifer, shouldn't the schools be open for those that are vaccinated?

from Shalontia Dowe to Everyone: 4:39 PM

I sent my questions with Eventbrite, did you all get them?

from kelley southern to Everyone: 4:39 PM

How will you protect teachers and students at RTEC where many students can't comply with masks and "close contact" is required all day every day?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:39 PM

No issues with going in the middle of the work day to pick up a kit?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:39 PM

**Can they pick up at nearby schools instead of theirs specifically???

from Shalontia Dowe to Everyone: 4:39 PM

1. For parents who plan to provide the negative test but for whatever reason cannot do so by the required date, will those absences be excused or unexcused?
2. For parents who refuse to provide any test result, what will happen to the students' enrollment status?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:39 PM

If the Vax is safe, why the social distancing and wearing of face mask?

from Mary Harris to Everyone: 4:39 PM

Is it mandatory for kids to get vaccinated? Are their exemption for those who don't want to take it?

from victor to Everyone: 4:39 PM

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from Chante Lee to Everyone: 4:40 PM

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from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:40 PM

Please don't open schools before 1/10. Please institute weekly testing for all students and staff/faculty who come in contact with students or faculty. Please either require PCR tests or antigen tests with two test results within 24-48 hours, as recommended by the manufacturers.

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:40 PM

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from stacey to Everyone: 4:40 PM

My organization provides before and after care to DCPS. Do we need to also require proof of negative test from the students in our program?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:40 PM

Follow Stew Peters on ban videos

from Judy Brinckerhoff to Everyone: 4:40 PM

Can a parent pick up a test for their child at a public school if the child is enrolled in a parochial school?

from Jennifer Snowden-McKay to Everyone: 4:40 PM

@scott - I'm not opposed to that, but the schools aren't yet tracking vaccinations and I don't have enough data around the breakthrough cases with Omicron

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:40 PM

Why is DCPS not requiring quarantine post-holiday travel?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:40 PM

How many kits per family can be picked up?

from Tiffney Ifill to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Could test get delivered

from Nigel Williams to Everyone: 4:41 PM

It's unhealthy children for to wear a mask all day long. That is not natural.

from Leah Castelaz to Everyone: 4:41 PM

What is the process for reviewing the COVID tests being collected on Tuesday? Who is reviewing, DCPS, DC Health? How will you all review and determine proper operations between Tuesday and Wednesday and give notice to families in a timely manner?

from Terrance Davis to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Exactly Shameka. If it's so safe why the extra precaution? Because we are part of another government experiment. The FDA has even cut back on inspection of food. Simply put., get down or lay down. I'll pass

from victor to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Does the Minor Consent Act allow our children to say No to the test?

from kate to Everyone: 4:41 PM

What if a kid tests positive but three or four weeks later is still testing positive?

from Nogzi Abiaka to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Should parents keep all students home if someone in the household was exposed to COVID-19?

from jocelyn coleman to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Can families request the school to administer the test?

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:41 PM

What evidence is there that testing 10-20% of students per week reduces COVID spread in schools?

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:41 PM

I think we are also asking how DCPS expects to view the form of reporting test results as reliable.

from lati lee to Everyone: 4:41 PM

are there protocols in place at the schools to make sure only DC students get the tests

from Judy Brinckerhoff to Everyone: 4:41 PM

When will the DC Immunization Registry start tracking COVID vaccinations?

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Dr. David Martin is NOT the most peer reviewed. So No thanks!

from Tiffney Ifill to Everyone: 4:41 PM

Could test get mailed

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:41 PM

HOW CAN WE TRUST THE SYSTEM. SOME COULD JUST NOT PICK UP & TEST & LOG IN A NEGATIVE RESULT.

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:41 PM

The vaccine, masks, and social distancing are not magic nor perfect, but they are the best shot we have in dealing with a virus that has ravaged the whole Earth.

from Clare to Everyone: 4:42 PM

What if a student continues to test positive after isolation and recovery?

from kate to Everyone: 4:42 PM

Many people continue to test positive for months - how wil IDCPS treat that?

from Simone to Everyone: 4:42 PM

@desiree COVID is not a cold...Covid shares symptoms with the cold/flu however COVID has the potential for serious neurological symptoms - loss of taste and smell,

loss of memory, ect. there are even TESTIMONIES of people developing PAROSMIA (food smelling and tasting like garbage). I wish people would stop minimizing Covid.

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:42 PM

Breathing in your own carbon dioxide for extended periods of time, will cause bronchitis, pneumonia, and other respiratory issues

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:42 PM

WOW, no wonder so many are getting sick.

rom Barbara Herbst to Everyone: 4:43 PM

Do these policies also apply to DC charter schools?

from m to Everyone: 4:43 PM

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from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:43 PM

<https://www.owupress.com/the-5-essential-truths-about-covid-19-dr-peter-mccullough-1600>

from Lori Mcdowell to Everyone: 4:43 PM

I had Covid early last year and didn't know it. It is NOT just a cold. Different people experience it differently. Schools have been testing weekly. Encourage your child to take the test. Some communities fared very poorly in virtual learning last year. These efforts are to prevent that from happening again. Let's all assist where we can in this extremely difficult process.

from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:43 PM

Agreed @ Shameka

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:43 PM

Can schools please have a stock of rapid testing to test kids who have symptoms at the nurse??

from April York to Everyone: 4:43 PM

it's important to get the proper tests. antigen testing van

from Clare to Everyone: 4:43 PM

Is there consideration for students who just recovered from COVID but are still testing positive?

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:43 PM

IF, THERE IS A NEED???? CURRENT TESTING IS ONLY 10% OF POPULATION THAT AGREE TO IT. SHAME.

from Stephanie Rucker to Everyone: 4:43 PM

QUESTION REGARDING UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: How do you plan to address the abundance of unexcused absences given to students who have been following the “stay home if you feel sick” but are not going to the doctor. Shouldn’t these absences be excused?

from Mason to Everyone: 4:43 PM

What is the plan for teachers with kids in virtual learning districts?

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:43 PM

Please address the more difficult questions such as why not use PCR tests and metrics to determine changing in-person school and recognition of the mess that happened right before break and how to avoid that or adapt?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:43 PM

and teachers who are close contacts need rapid tests on hand

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:43 PM

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from PARENT to Everyone: 4:44 PM

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from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:44 PM

It’s not just on schools, parents need to take more precautions and please please don’t send your children to school sick. I understand it Can impact your schedules and jobs. However, it is not fair to others.

from April York to Everyone: 4:44 PM

Antigen testing is ineffective it reports negative results when PCR reflects positive. DCPS will have a lot of misreporting

from Solange Ashby to Everyone: 4:44 PM

How do children continue to access their education while in quarantine?

from Fatu Konteh to Everyone: 4:44 PM

Elementary schools only do random grade levels.

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:44 PM

Please, if you could, answer the more difficult but valid questions here--in what ways are the rapid antigen tests better for this situation than PCR (I've heard arguments that they are, can you share them), and why we are using this particular test and form of

reporting, given the unreliability--human error in testing, and possible motivation for inaccurate reporting?

from ted to Everyone: 4:44 PM

In future, DCPS, please moderate these chats to stem the spread of the sort of harmful misinformation that is in part responsible for our country being in such a vulnerable situation against this virus.

Example: <https://www.reuters.com/article/factcheck-coronavirus-reinfection-idUSL1N2TC0PH>

from Constance to Everyone: 4:45 PM

How are schools with many teachers whose personal children are in charters and PG Schools who are virtual expected to operate? Will that be considered when moving to virtual?

from Sara G to Everyone: 4:45 PM

@ted +1

from kate to Everyone: 4:45 PM

What about the fact that people can't to test positive on rapid tests for months? Are those kids supposed to stay home for months?

from Chante Lee to Everyone: 4:45 PM

my child was positive on December 27th and has been quarantined since results on the 28th. why if the children's hospital Dr doesn't need us to retest I have to retest for the school?

from arvin fleming to Everyone: 4:45 PM

The need is obvious. COVID-19 infection rate is the highest that it's been since the Pandemic began and the newest variant is extremely contagious as reflected in the high infection rates among vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Why not test weekly to contain the spread of the virus??

from Clare to Everyone: 4:45 PM

yes please answer that.

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:45 PM

@Ted +1

from Teacher Farai to Everyone: 4:45 PM

When DCPS teachers get sick from CV-19 and have to isolate, how is this handled when it comes to leave or is this a question better left to HR to handle?

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:45 PM

Tomas please ask and answer the more concerning questions

from Grant to Everyone: 4:45 PM

For randomized testing are you considering nasal swab testing? The spit test are developmentally inappropriate for Pre -K students?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:45 PM

MAKE A PLAN FOR THIS.

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:46 PM

-0000000000 Ted.

from sk to Everyone: 4:46 PM

They're not reading these questions

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:46 PM

Is it the chemicals in the air causing the COVID outbreak such as Chemtrails? It's a coincidence that Chemtrails are shown all over the world frequently since this outbreak. Parents, observe the sky's

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:46 PM

@kyra +1

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:46 PM

These rudimentary questions aint it

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:46 PM

Thank you for asking Tomas

from sk to Everyone: 4:46 PM

These questions are pre selected

from Clare to Everyone: 4:46 PM

@constance we need this question answered too

from Laura Kleinmann to Everyone: 4:46 PM

What about staff?

from victor to Everyone: 4:46 PM

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from Andrea Hooks to Everyone: 4:46 PM

Saliva tests for Early Childhood has been proven to be difficult as it is difficult for them to muster up enough sputum to put in a vial, therefore invalidating the results. What is the alternative for younger student and why did we move away from the nasal swab?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:46 PM

This is going to happen X1000 and we need a plan for sending kids back home if they aren't tested or give them a test at the door. Jan 5th is going to be a mess.

from desiree to Everyone: 4:46 PM

can we just choose to do virtual learning

from m s to Everyone: 4:46 PM

do not comply with this BS. make them turn away your asymptomatic students like the clowns they are

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:46 PM

@kate--it's actually, as I understand it from doctors, the PCR tests that continue to test positive after patient is no longer contagious

from April York to Everyone: 4:46 PM

how are u answering these questions? Ask him what we're asking in the chat

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:46 PM

Haven't heard any care or concern about teachers

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:46 PM

+1 April York's question

from Eric to Everyone: 4:46 PM

No ones asking about cleaning. Ask the questions that are important to parents.

from kia proctor to Everyone: 4:46 PM

I don't trust DCPS and anything that they say about having the children best interest in mind

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:46 PM

Exactly, Eric

from victor to Everyone: 4:46 PM

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from Kyra to Everyone: 4:47 PM

WHat cleaning protocols?!

from Lauren Forbes to Everyone: 4:47 PM

The literature sent out with these rapid tests say on the slides provided by DC Health that they should not be used for travel or school reinstatement so why are these tests being used

from Ana Bolanos to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Can you please ask, how schools will check children in and confirm negative test?

from 23179274417 to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Only NEGATIVE tests will be uploaded?

from m s to Everyone: 4:47 PM

https://osse.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/osse/page_content/attachments/OPT%20OUT%20SchoolBased%20Testing_082721_1.pdf

from Alycia Hardy to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Please answer the chat questions!!!

from Jeremiah to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Per CDC, people who have had COVID and isolated and recovered may still test positive for up to 90 days. Can a doctor's note stating that the child is "medically cleared" permit the student to return in this circumstance?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:47 PM

We only have 2/6 janitors!

from m s to Everyone: 4:47 PM

OPT OUT DO NOT COMPLY WITH ANTI-SCIENTIFIC BS FROM DCPS CLOWNS

from Molly to Everyone: 4:47 PM

We need substituts for janitors

from arvin fleming to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Things are changing. DCPS had to do a better job evolving and being proactive not reactive.

from Danno to Everyone: 4:47 PM

@jeremiah +100

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:47 PM

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from Clare to Everyone: 4:47 PM

yes, please address this question: Per CDC, people who have had COVID and isolated and recovered may still test positive for up to 90 days. Can a doctor's note stating that the child is "medically cleared" permit the student to return in this circumstance?

from Norma Toussaint to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Will be different timed entires for different grade levels on day 1?

from Minna Scherlinder Morse to Everyone: 4:47 PM

@Chante--after PCR testing, doctors prefer that patients simply quarantine and not re-test because those can retest as positive for weeks and weeks even if not contagious. Rapid Antigen Testing only tests positive during the contagious period.

from Olivia to Everyone: 4:47 PM

Our custodial staff at my school is incredible, but oh wow, are they overworked. How are they being supported?

from Zielinski to Everyone: 4:47 PM

We are more concerned about ventilation and mitigation for an airborne pathogen. Not cleaning surfaces.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:47 PM

We need to get those vendors to our school ASAP to help our remaining janitors.

from Alycia Hardy to Everyone: 4:47 PM

How will negative tests be verified? You can drip water on a test and it will come out negative....use a picture of a negative test.

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:48 PM

WHEN DOES A SCHOOL SHUT DOWN; WHAT IS THE CRITERIA? THANK YOU.

from April York to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Turn on my Mic cause DCPS leadership isn't listening and I want to be heard

from m s to Everyone: 4:48 PM

DO NOT COMPLY

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Kids are going to come in without tests. What are you going to do? That's not a future question, that's a now question. Refusing to answer now makes a mess later but you'll just blame schools for that and not yourself.

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:48 PM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXm9kAhNj-4&t=2s&ab_channel=CliveRichardson

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:48 PM

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from Kyra to Everyone: 4:48 PM

I have witnessed a school have multiple grade bands test positive and the only thing that is cleaned in their classrooms. NOT THE ENTIRE Building. The entire building needs to be cleaned. otherwise you're still putting ppl at risk

from m s to Everyone: 4:48 PM

THEY CANNOT FORCE YOU TO TEST

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Parents do not comply or this nonsense will continue. Whoever is content with this is a part of the problem and not the solution. Can anyone name at least 10 ingredients in the vaccine?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Can we get a DCPS virtual academy to take that load off individual schools and teachers?

from Simone to Everyone: 4:48 PM

I'm NOT sending my daughter back to school while cases continue to rise. That's that. DCPS has the capacity to facilitate virtual learning and they WILL do so for my child. I don't care how many tests, mask protocols, or social distancing happens -

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:48 PM

I already have my lawyer on speed dial.

from KB Elzy to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Will families that work on Tuesday until 5 PM have the opportunity to submit results to the safe return link after 5 pm?

from Elena to Everyone: 4:48 PM

If we want to keep our preK (unvaccinated due to age) kids home until 1/10 to allow for more testing, can those absences be unexcused

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:48 PM

Tomas you ARE NOT reading these questions.

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:48 PM

We have not been trained on simulcasting!

from Danno to Everyone: 4:48 PM

you can test positive 90 days later. what's the plan for this??

from R DiGenno to Everyone: 4:48 PM

How do we know that the students test if their test?

from Lisette Burton to Everyone: 4:48 PM

because it impacts quarantine procedures for close contacts, how do we provide student proof of vaccination to the school?

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:49 PM

The word "we" is doing a lot of work here

from Clare to Everyone: 4:49 PM

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from Maurice to Everyone: 4:49 PM

is the system going to handle all of those upload one day?

from Terrance Davis to Everyone: 4:49 PM

@ ted. Tell the government the same advise you just told us. Because people choose to believe truth over lies and you choose to believe the lies.

from Tracy P to Everyone: 4:49 PM

surgical or N95?

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:49 PM

Well ask the more concerning ones...these quetions you're asking seem like ones you already had prepard before the call

from Norma Toussaint to Everyone: 4:49 PM

Seems with everyone arriving at the same time to be checked off a list that may or may not be up to date, is a setting up for a mess. Will the database be updated hourly? What if a parents uploads a result on the same day? Will the school know?

from Simone to Everyone: 4:49 PM

I don't need DCPS to validate the importance of another shutdown as cases rise. I'm keeping mine home.

from PARENT to Everyone: 4:49 PM

SOME SCHOOLS WERE WITHOUT PPE PRIOR TO THE BREAK.

from desiree to Everyone: 4:49 PM

CAN WE CHOOSE TO DO VIRTUAL LEARNING

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:49 PM

@Tracy. surgical for the kids... sadly.

from kelley southern to Everyone: 4:49 PM

We have students at our school who cannnot/do not comply with masks. What about our safety and the safety of our students?

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:49 PM

BUT the masks you provided before dont dont covid. why arent kids worth KN95s?
This sees to be a serious equity issue

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:50 PM

No lies. Do your research! REAL research.

from Danno to Everyone: 4:50 PM

kids wouldnt keep an n95 mask on all day anyway

from Darrow Hartman to Everyone: 4:50 PM

Hello Chancellor, thank you for taking time out of your schedule to speak to the public about returning to school after the holidays. My question is: given the recent surge in cases, at what point will you and other administrators recommend schools to move to virtual?

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:50 PM

****Please**** provide masks sized for young children -- the surgical masks provided are a literal joke for pre-k students

from Khaleel's Mom to Everyone: 4:50 PM

Was the question in regard to Special Education/Needs students answered what alternative tests will be provided if they are unable to endure the nasal swabs due to sensory issues ? Are saliva tests being given as well

from Eric to Everyone: 4:50 PM

***** Tomas ***** Given how many kids that are positive - I second Clare's comment - Per CDC, people who have had COVID and isolated and recovered may still test positive for up to 90 days. Can a doctor's note stating that the child is "medically cleared" permit the student to return in this circumstance?

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:50 PM

@Shameka - can you name 10 ingredients from your lunch?

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:50 PM

Those mask come from CHINa

from m s to Everyone: 4:50 PM

DCPS distributes masks that clearly say on the box they are not for medical purposes and cannot stop COVID

from victor to Everyone: 4:50 PM

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from April York to Everyone: 4:51 PM

Why can't parents CHOOSE to do virtual learning from DCPS regardless of infection status?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:51 PM

Families should opt to go virtual & then each teachers can have one fully virtual class a day. It would decrease the amount of students in school allowing for better distancing AND allow families the choice with not more work on teachers.

from m s to Everyone: 4:51 PM

and they are made out of recycled material from china

from Amy Daniels to Everyone: 4:51 PM

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from tmia to Everyone: 4:51 PM

How will we know if parents are being honest about results? They can take a picture of any negative test

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:51 PM

@Tom (Absolutely)

from Elizabeth Vaquera to Everyone: 4:51 PM

we need to wait for this surge to go down before going in person--at least for those who can keep their kids at home. That will be safer for the ones who can't stay home

from Darrow Hartman to Everyone: 4:51 PM

I am unsure if this question has already been asked, but I would greatly appreciate an answer to the question: at what point will you and other administrators consider moving to virtual classes?

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from Brooke to Everyone: 4:52 PM

No more virtual! Get vaccinated, push through.

from Unhappy Parent to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Parents: Ferebee has no interest in your questions. Join a parent advocacy group and MAKE them listen

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Tomas I wish you had taken some of the bigger/tougher questions parents have :(

from Kyra to Everyone: 4:52 PM

This was frustrating..thank you

from April York to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Antigen test are ineffective

from kelley southern to Everyone: 4:52 PM

As always, the teachers who serve our students who are furthest from opportunity are ignored.

from m s to Everyone: 4:52 PM

<https://www.canadiancovidcarealliance.org/media-resources/the-pfizer-inoculations-for-covid-19-more-harm-than-good-2/>

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:52 PM

He is picking and choosing questions. Not asking the REAL questions at all.

from Teddi Ann Galligan to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Please address the hard questions.

from Simone to Everyone: 4:52 PM

@April I am choosing to do virtual learning. IT has been available on a case by case basis and so I know it is an option.

from Crystal Waters to Everyone: 4:52 PM

does the test need to be 24 hrs before?

from Shalontia Dowe to Everyone: 4:52 PM

They didn't answer any questions, just repeated the slide info

from Inez she/her to Everyone: 4:52 PM

@Brooke vaccination isn't an option for under 5s....

from jocelyn coleman to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Can the schools do the test if we don't feel we can?

from Judy Brinckerhoff to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Some excellent points in the chat about travel requirements for those who have been outside the DMV

from Betsy to Everyone: 4:52 PM

please send subs

from April York to Everyone: 4:52 PM

ANTIGEN TEST ARE INEFFECTIVE LET ME SAY THAT IN A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE

from Joanne to Everyone: 4:52 PM

Is it possible DCPS will move to the 5-day quarantine recommended by the CDC, instead of 10 days?

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:52 PM

They NEVER planned to answer any questions!!!!

from Kim Jones to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Come on people! Wake up!

from Shameka to Everyone: 4:53 PM

DCPS won't allow virtual learning because they have a hidden agenda

from M to Everyone: 4:53 PM

This call makes it clear that you don't care about teachers at all.

from Alaijza Moulden to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Vaccine doesn't help so stop pushing vaccines

from April York to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Why can't parents CHOOSE to do virtual learning from DCPS regardless of infection status?

from Brooke to Everyone: 4:53 PM

under 5

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from Abby Marsh to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Thank you, thank you. In person learning is so important and valuable.

from Karei Davis to Everyone: 4:53 PM

I work for a DC Charter and we test the entire school with PCR TESTS, students and staff weekly. Why doesn't DCPS do the same?

from ted to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Please stop sharing that OWU Press link. It features debunked antivax misinformation and so is dangerous to our community.

from Brooke to Everyone: 4:53 PM

under 5's don't get sick....

from Jennifer Neal to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Lewis, your starting assumptions are harming our children's health!

from 23179274417 to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Why can't we upload positive test results?

from April York to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Why can't parents CHOOSE to do virtual learning from DCPS regardless of infection status?

from Jason Weathers to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Stay positive, everyone. We will get through this.

from desiree to Everyone: 4:53 PM

thank you Kim Jones

from Kia Proctor to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Change the faces of DCPS leadership and replace them with people who care about our children

from Tom Quinn to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Thank you Mr. Ferebee - our kids should be in school - covid is not sickening children and virtual learning was a disaster.

from April York to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Why can't parents CHOOSE to do virtual learning from DCPS regardless of infection status?

from Olivia Lucas to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Our operations are dramatically infected and y'all ignore it. District officials should come substitute and see how it is.

from Emily Price to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Did the question about testing positive for up to 90 days post infection get answered?

from Danitra Dorsey-Daniels to Everyone: 4:53 PM

We really need to do nasal swab tests moving forward... the saliva test are sensitive to many factors which leaves school out of compliance for testing the right percentage for proper data and safety in controlling the spread.

from April York to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Why can't parents CHOOSE to do virtual learning from DCPS regardless of infection status?

from Olivia to Everyone: 4:53 PM

God speed. And please help our schools. Send subs

from Tiffney Ifill to Everyone: 4:53 PM

Could I get a test mailed to me