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Holiday Break Return to School Update 2022

December 31, 2021

Dear APS Families and Stakeholders,

We are excited to welcome our staff and scholars back after this much needed holiday break. As we prepare to come back, we want to make sure everyone is safe in our learning environment. As you have likely seen in your community or heard in the media, our area is currently experiencing a spike in positive cases of COVID-19. Also, you likely read about some updates from APS Superintendent Dr. Lisa Herring. I would like to reiterate a few of the points Dr. Herring shared in her memo:

Return to Classrooms and Offices

- The district will reopen on **Monday, January 3, 2022**, with mandatory surveillance testing for all employees. This will be a professional learning day for teachers and employees.
- **Classes will resume for scholars on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Strongly Encouraged for Scholars

- In our continued effort to ensure the safety of our schools and the continued health and well-being of our scholars, we strongly encourage you to have your child/children tested – either before they return to school or as a participant in our surveillance testing program offered at each school site on their school's scheduled day.
- Schools that are typically scheduled for student surveillance testing on Mondays will be tested on Tuesday, January 4, 2021 for the week of January 3-7, 2021. The regular schedule will resume for all other schools for the week and moving forward. If you have not provided consent, need to renew expired consent or would like your child/children to participate in surveillance testing, please find the link to our surveillance testing consent form here:
<http://tinyURL.com/HealthyAPS>.

Aggressive Mitigation Strategies

- We will continue with our strict COVID-19 mitigation protocols, which include mandatory testing twice a week for employees, voluntary testing for scholars, and mandatory masks for everyone inside an APS school or office building along with frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer.

Additionally, here are more key health and safety reminders:

Stay Home When Sick

- Maintaining public health measures such as staying home when you are sick, physical distancing, hand washing and mask wearing are very important to reduce the likelihood of both getting and transmitting COVID-19 in our schools. To ensure the continued safety of our scholars and staff, parents are reminded to complete the daily health screenings of their children each morning via HealthCheck before sending them to school each day and monitor for symptoms.
- Scholars or staff who are ill or presenting with any symptom of COVID-19 should always remain home. Additionally, if a student tests positive with COVID-19 or is determined to be a close contact of someone

who has tested positive, parents should continue to use our [self-report form](#) to properly notify school officials. Employees should report positive cases or close contacts using the [staff self-report](#) link as well.

Review CDC Travel Guidance

APS encourages all scholars, families and employees to continue to review and follow the most recent travel guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control ([Domestic Travel During COVID-19 | CDC](#)). According to research conducted by the CDC, people who are not fully vaccinated are more likely to get COVID-19 and spread it to others (CDC, 2021). For this reason, the CDC recommends taking the following precautions after returning from travel.

ALL Travelers:

- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get [tested](#) if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements after travel.

If you are NOT fully vaccinated:

Self-quarantine and get tested after travel

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after returning from travel.
- Check [for COVID-19 testing locations near you](#)
- Stay home and self-quarantine for a full **7 days** after travel, even **if you test negative** at 3-5 days.
- **If you don't get tested**, stay home and self-quarantine for **10 days** after travel.

Upcoming Vaccination Event

APS will host COVID-19 vaccination events for eligible APS scholars who are ages 5 and older, APS families, and APS staff on Saturday, January 8 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Drive-up vaccine events will be held at the following locations:


- Sutton 7/8 | 2875 Northside Dr. | Atlanta, GA 30305
- Long Middle School | 3200 Latona Dr. SW. | Atlanta, GA 30354
- Maynard Jackson High School | 801 Glenwood Avenue SE. | Atlanta, GA 30316
- Mays High School | 3450 Benjamin E Mays Dr. SW Atlanta, GA 30331

We will be offering first shots, second shots, and boosters. All vaccine brands will be available. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/apsvax>.

Our school is committed to continuing to follow our established health and safety protocols.

Thank you for your commitment to keeping our school safe and healthy. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Dione Simon, Ed. D.
Principal



REGISTER FOR THE FREE APS COVID VAX EVENTS

DECEMBER 18: 10 A.M.–2 P.M.
JANUARY 8: 10 A.M.–2 P.M.

LOCATIONS:

Sutton 7 + 8 School (North)
Long Middle School (South)
Maynard Jackson High School (East)
Mays High School (West)



Zero cost to get
vaccinated + protected



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injection in the arm



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15 minutes**

[Tinyurl.com/APSvax](https://tinyurl.com/APSvax)



INSCRÍBASE A LOS EVENTOS DE VACUNACIÓN

GRATIS DE APS CONTRA EL COVID

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