



The STEAM Academy at Carver
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Dear Caregiver,

As we kick-off the second semester of the 2021-22 school year, our number one priority continues to be the health and safety of our community. Given the rapid rise in COVID-19 cases in metro Atlanta, we are therefore following APS's decision to hold school virtually for the week of January 3rd. **Accordingly, we will have virtual learning on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week (January 5-7). There is no in-person instruction this week.**

We expect to be back to in-person school next Monday, January 10th, but will follow APS's decision on when to return to school. If it turns out that virtual instruction is extended into next week, we will distribute devices later this week to families that need a Chromebook at home.

In the meantime, please read below for detailed information about the schedule for this week, vaccination events, the suspension of all athletics and after-school programs, meal kits, and updated COVID-19 quarantine and isolation protocols.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

From January 5-7, we will use the asynchronous model to facilitate instruction. Students will receive schedules on Infinite Campus, and assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Students will be able to access Google Classroom Codes and Google Voice Numbers on the school's website, www.atlantapublicschools.us/carversteam. We will also post office hours and links for our teachers and school counselors.

VACCINATIONS and COVID PCR TESTING

It is likely that COVID will have an impact on our schools for some time. The most effective way to keep our school community safe and our school buildings open is through the COVID-19 vaccine (which is now available to all school-aged children) and frequent testing.

TESTING

- We provide FREE weekly COVID-19 PCR testing at our school every Friday.
- We encourage all students to participate, as frequent testing will help us identify illness sooner so we can take necessary precautions to keep everyone safe.
- To enroll your child in weekly COVID-19 testing, please complete and return the attached form that gives consent for your student(s) to participate.

VACCINATIONS

- PBSA is partnering with Kids Doc on Wheels to host a vaccination event open to the entire PBSA community (students and family members) on Friday, January 7

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Slater Elementary School. We will send a flier with more details later this week.

- APS is hosting COVID-19 vaccination events for APS students ages 5 and older, as well as family members, on Saturday, January 8 from 10 a.m. – 2p.m. at four sites across the city. They will be offering first shots, second shots, and boosters. All vaccine brands will be available.

ATHLETICS AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

All athletics, extra-curricular activities and after-school programs are suspended during this virtual week.

UPDATED ISOLATION & QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

- Please remember that if your child feels ill, develops COVID-19 symptoms OR has direct contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case, keep them home and alert our school nurse IMMEDIATELY.

MEAL KITS

APS students and families may pick up 5-day meal kits on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 11am to 1 pm, at the following locations:

- Carver High School | 55 McDonough Boulevard, SE
- Douglass High School | 225 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive, NW
- Garden Hills Elementary School | 285 Sheridan Drive, NE
- Hope Hill Elementary School | 112 Boulevard, NE
- Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School | 545 Hill Street, SE
- Sutton Middle School (Main Campus) | 2875 Northside Drive, NW
- Sylvan Hills Middle School | 1461 Sylvan Road, SW
- Young Middle School | 3116 Benjamin E. Mays Drive, SW

Thank you in advance for your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we continue to work through this pandemic together and keep ourselves, our families and our school community healthy.

Sincerely,

Yusuf Muhammad
Principal