



SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESOURCES

The following table includes resources that may support the implementation of DC Health Guidance for Schools. Additional resources are available on the Office of the State Superintendent of Education’s (OSSE) [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Guidance and Resources webpage](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [Schools and Child Care Programs webpage](#).

Schools must continue to follow all applicable mandatory DC Health guidance, which is available on coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance.

Resource	Description	Audience
General		
US Department of Education’s Resources for Schools, Students, and Families	(Website) Provides resources including guidance and policies related to elementary and secondary education and special education	School Leaders
DC Health’s Guidance for Families with Children: Playing and Socializing	(Handout) Provides recommendations for families to help their children play and exercise in a way that helps prevent the spread of COVID-19	Parents/Guardians
CDC’s Know What to Expect at Your Child’s K-12 School or Child Care Program	(Website) Provides information to families about the prevention measures that may be in place in their school or child care facility	Parents/Guardians
CDC’s What Do I Do? Quick Guides for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers Schools Nurses or School COVID-19 POCs Parents and Guardians 	(Handouts) Provide information on the key steps to take when a student shows sign of COVID-19 at school	School Staff Parents/Guardian
CDC’s Parents and Caregivers – What Is Your School Doing to Protect Your Child from COVID-19?	(FAQ) Provides a set of questions parents and guardian can ask schools to learn more about their COVID-19 precautions as well as answers to frequently asked questions CDC is hearing from parents and caregivers.	Parents/Guardians
HealthyChildren.org’s Safe Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic	(Website) Provides key safety recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics for keeping students and staff healthy	General

Learning Policy Institute's Resources for Reopening Schools	(Website) Provides a hub of curated health and safety resources, including profiles of districts that have reopened safely, research, guidance, news updates, and information on hot topics, including vaccines	School Leaders
Learning Policy Institute's Learning in the Time of COVID-19	(Blog) Explores evidence-based and equity-focused strategies and investments to address the current crisis and build long-term systems capacity	School Leaders
Vaccines and Health Forms		
Vaccinate.dc.gov	(Website) Provides information about accessing the COVID-19 vaccines as well as required pediatric immunizations	General
Vaccines.gov	(Website) Provides locations for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine	General
OSSE's COVID-19 Vaccine Information Library	(Repository) Provides curated written and video information on vaccine safety from a variety of reputable sources as well as upcoming events open to the public	School Leaders
CDC's COVID-19 Vaccines for Teachers, School Staff, and Child Care Workers	(Website) Provides information specifically for teachers and school staff on the COVID-19 vaccine	School staff
CDC's COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit for Health Departments and other Public Health Partners	(Toolkit) Provides information for public health partners to help educate communities and promote COVID-19 vaccination	General
HealthyChildren.org's Getting Your Child Ready for the COVID-19 Vaccine	(Website) Provides a checklist to help parents/guardians prepare for their child's COVID-19 vaccination	Parents/Guardians
HealthyChildren.org's The Science Behind COVID-19 Vaccines: Parent FAQs	(Website) Provides answers to frequently asked questions by parents/guardians about the COVID-19 vaccine	Parents/Guardians
Building Considerations		
EPA's Healthy Indoor Environments in Schools: Plans, Practices, and Principles for Maintaining Healthy Learning Environment	(Webinars) Provide information on best practices related to ventilation and cleaning practices	School Leaders
CDC's Ventilation in Schools and Childcare Programs	(Website) Provides information on how to use CDC's building recommendation in school settings	School Leaders
Face Masks		
CDC's Your Guide to Masks	(Website) Provides information on how to select mask and special considerations	General

CDC's Mask Do's & Don'ts	(Poster) Briefly explains proper face mask usage	General
CDC's How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Mask	(Handout) Explains how to properly wear and remove a face mask	School Staff
CDC's Wear a Mask to Protect You and Your Friends	(Poster) Explains how to properly put on and take off a face mask	Students
HealthyChildren.org's Face Masks for Children During COVID-19	(Website) Provides frequently asked questions and answers about masks and children during the COVID-19 pandemic	Parents/Guardians
Hand Hygiene		
CDC's Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives Videos	(Videos) Provide information on the importance of handwashing for various age groups	General
CDC's Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives Posters	(Posters) Provide information on the importance of handwashing for various age groups	General
Cleaning and Disinfection		
CDC's Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility	(Website) Provides information on routine cleaning and well and cleaning and disinfecting when someone is sick	School Leaders and Staff
Exclusion, Dismissal, and Return Criteria		
CDC's When You Are Sick	(Handout) Provides information on what to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19	Parents/Guardians and Adult Students
CDC's What Your Test Results Mean	(Poster) Briefly explains the appropriate actions in response to test results	General
COVID-19 Testing		
DC Health's PCR, Antigen, and Antibody Tests	(Handout) Provides information on the three types of tests available for the virus that causes COVID-19	School Leaders
CDC's School Testing for COVID-19	(Toolkit) Provides materials that school administrators can use to teach parents/guardians, students, and staff about school testing programs and encourage participation	School Leaders