



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

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Dear LEA Leaders,

The Council of the District of Columbia is moving forward with [amending the District's student vaccination law](#) to delay enforcement of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for students until the 2023-24 school year. **Schools will not be expected to enforce the COVID-19 vaccine this school year**; however, the COVID-19 vaccine and boosters are still strongly recommended to protect students and staff against [severe cases of COVID-19](#). The Council plans to revisit this requirement again in the future.

Routine pediatric immunizations remain required for students to attend school. The best place for families to access immunizations is at their primary medical provider as part of their comprehensive well-child care. If a family does not have a health care provider or if they are having difficulty securing an appointment, they may select one from a [list of pediatric clinic locations](#) in every ward. Additionally, DC Health has partnered with area health providers to expand access to pediatric vaccination services, including mass vaccination clinics, specialty clinics and COVID Centers. For more information, including a calendar of expanded vaccine opportunities, please visit and direct families to [PedsVax.dc.gov](#). Schools should support families in locating and securing vaccine appointments in order to make use of the four-week grace period.

The OSSE Health and Wellness team is available via email at OSSE.HealthandSafety@dc.gov.

We appreciate your continued hard work to support all students to secure necessary immunizations so that they may remain healthy and in school!

Best,

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State Superintendent of Education