



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF

EDUCATION

Health and Safety Guidance for Schools: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery Period

(Updated Dec. 1, 2021)

Pursuant to [Mayor's Order 2021-097](#), *Resumption of Mask Requirements and Delegations of Authority to the Department of Health and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education*, Section IV.3 (July 29, 2021) and [Mayor's Order 2021-142](#), *Modification of Certain COVID-19 Indoor Mask Mandates*, Section II.4 (Nov. 19, 2021), the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) requires all District of Columbia public, public charter, private, parochial, and independent elementary and secondary schools, as well as adult education schools, to follow all applicable mandatory DC Health guidance, which is available on coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance. This guidance may be superseded by any applicable Mayor's order, regulation, or health mandate from DC Health.

This guidance is effective as of Dec. 1, 2021, and supersedes any previously released guidance by OSSE on the topic. For more information on the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) most recent, supplemental guidance for schools can be accessed [here](#). OSSE will make available best practices resources to support schools on the [COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#) page of the OSSE website.

Any families or school staff members with concerns about a school's compliance with the requirements in applicable DC Health guidance may notify OSSE of the noncompliance via the online form available on the [OSSE website](#).