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**March 2021**

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8 PGCPS Phase 1 Instruction for PreK-6th Grade

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15 Last Day for Students

**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Stephen I. Green, Jr.**

**PGCPS Meal Service Update**

Wednesday, March 24, was the last day of mobile meal service. There will be no meal service while schools are closed for spring break from Monday, March 29 through Monday, April 5. After spring break, meal distribution will resume at school sites only on Wednesday, April 7**.**

Schools will begin to reopen to students using a hybrid learning model on Thursday, April 8. When students are in school for in-person learning, they will receive breakfast and lunch and a dinner meal to take home. Students who are continuing with distance learning can pick up meal packages at school Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Wednesday, April 7.

For more information, please visit the [distance learning meal service webpage](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAzMjMuMzc1NzQ4NjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5wZ2Nwcy5vcmcvcmVvcGVuLXBnY3BzL2Rpc3RhbmNlLWxlYXJuaW5nL21lYWxzIn0.H5aioxi3U3cvmhE7mvnejOtl8ZeUHwsXwj2fJ77j6H4/s/68718308/br/100529260150-l).

**Spring Break Travel Guidance**

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) issued guidelines earlier this week regarding travel during Spring Break. The guidelines have been updated to reflect Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations regarding testing. The CDC does not recommend travel at this time. If you must travel due to family emergency or unforeseen circumstances, you must be tested upon your return to Maryland.

**PGCPS Student Guidelines**

**In-State Travel – No COVID Test Required**

**Out-of-State Travel – COVID Test**

* Get a COVID test three to five days after travel.
* If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
* Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days.
* Continue virtual learning during quarantine. Be sure to inform your teacher and school administrator.

**International Travel – COVID Test**

* Get a COVID test three to five days after travel.
* If your test is positive, isolate yourself to protect others from getting infected.
* Avoid being around people who are at increased risk for severe illness for 14 days.
* Continue virtual learning during quarantine. Be sure to inform your teacher and school administrator.

**CDC Guidelines for International Travel**
At this time, the CDC does not have a testing requirement for outbound travelers, but recommends that you get tested with a viral test (NAAT or antigen) one to three days before you travel internationally. Travelers should check with international destinations for their entry requirements.

* As of March 2, 2021, if you plan to travel internationally, you will need to get tested no more than three days before you travel by air back into the United States (U.S.) and show your negative result to the airline before you board your flight, or be prepared to show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your health care provider or a public health official stating that you were cleared to travel).
* All air passengers traveling to the U.S., regardless of vaccination or antibody status, are required to provide a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery (proof of recovery from the coronavirus within the last 90 days).
* Passengers flying from a U.S. territory to a U.S. state (i.e., American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) are not required to present documentation of a negative COVID-19 test or recovery.

**2021-2022 PreK and Kindergarten Registration**

PreK and kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year begins **Tuesday, April 6, 2021**. Please visit <https://pgcpsmdc.scriborder.com/> to sign in, complete registration and upload the required documents.

**PGCPS to Host Telephone Town Hall About Return to In-Person Learning**

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a telephone town hall to hear from and offer updates to families and members of the community about the return to in-person learning. All parents and guardians will receive a phone call from the school system. If you do not receive the call, please dial-in at 844-734-8766.

**Tuesday, April 6 — Student Town Hall, 5 p.m.**

* Dr. Monica Goldson, CEO
* Ninah Jackson, Student Member, Prince George’s County Board of Education

**New Hours for Parent Support Centers**

Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) distance learning Parent Support Centers will operate on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 - 8 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled [online](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMjUuMzU5NDM3NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5wZ2Nwcy5vcmcvcmVvcGVuLXBnY3BzL2Rpc3RhbmNlLWxlYXJuaW5nL3BhcmVudC1jZW50ZXJzIn0.NtuzvOYjOPpHtWuKtdTXjlX8nGjhBxc2kG1kSozKro0/s/68718308/br/98354622417-l) or by calling 240-696-3315.

**School Immunization Requirements Reminder**

As school districts across the state work towards reopening, we remind families that all students must be up to date on state-mandated immunizations prior to returning to school. Please note these requirements have not been waived due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We encourage families to act now to ensure students have the immunizations they need to attend school. Due to the mass COVID vaccination clinics being conducted by the Prince George’s County Health Department, immunization clinics are not being held at this time. The organizations listed below provide immunizations for a small fee.

* [Mary's Center](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDguMzQ4NTM0MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYXJ5c2NlbnRlci5vcmcvIn0.FfGA3wRaj6Z1tllGnxdl35jOOSfXdPBRqv4Qm5719ZQ/s/68718308/br/97226850671-l) | 844-796-2797
* [Prince George's Community Pediatric and Adolescent Health Center](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDguMzQ4NTM0MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5wZ2NvbW11bml0eXBlZGlhdHJpY3MuY29tLyJ9.02DA904U3zPCIZeo1SpMsCwjECFDSxnJtcqVu0oe86o/s/68718308/br/97226850671-l) | 301-322-2411
* [CCI Health and Wellness Center](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDguMzQ4NTM0MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL2NjaXdlYi5vcmcvIn0.gV99o1m1O7GNSbSfC3GVguLRbGyYZN6vpgavSnMijII/s/68718308/br/97226850671-l) | 866-877-7258
* [La Clínica del Pueblo](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDguMzQ4NTM0MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5sY2RwLm9yZy8ifQ.lpjdmUfoNxKRizLPsRYmuUsoIGHkDBMpJs9Juj5qf5A/s/68718308/br/97226850671-l) | 202-462-4788

Families with insurance should make vaccination appointments with their child’s pediatrician.

Please visit the [PGCPS immunization website](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDYsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAyMDguMzQ4NTM0MTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5wZ2Nwcy5vcmcvaW1tdW5pemF0aW9ucyJ9.Kq6EY13DJ2_lcBzFEV0RkVrY_uw0uwa78lC6BVGeBZs/s/68718308/br/97226850671-l) for more information.

**REMINDERS:**

**Need WiFi Help?**

PGCPS continues to cover the cost of the Comcast Internet Essentials program, which provides affordable high-speed internet at home, for families eligible for free and reduced-price meals (FARMS). Non-FARMS families may also obtain a Verizon hotspot for home internet access by making a request through their school or by calling our Distance Learning Hotline at 240-696-6229, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**PGCPS Login Credentials**

1. Each student enrolled in PGCPS is issued a username and password.
2. It usually takes 3-5 days after new enrollments for students to receive their login credentials.
3. In the event that students are unable to login to PGCPS Chromebooks, Clever or Google Classroom with their credentials, please contact your teacher.  Please provide the teacher with the **exact error message** you received when you attempted to login.
4. The teacher will notify you once the error has been resolved.

**Wednesdays**

* Wednesday is **NOT** a day off for teachers and students.
* Wednesdays have been identified as the day targeted to provide differentiated support for students via teacher-led small group instruction and enrichment, interventions or related services.
* When assigned, students submit an assignment to one of their teachers
* Engage in synchronous instruction or tutoring with an PGCPS teacher
* Meet online with a PGCPS teacher or service provider; or
* Compete work in our supplemental online education tools where applicable (i.e., DreamBox, i-Ready, i- Read etc.)