

Topic	School Year 21-22 Safety Protocols Guidance
PPE, MATERIALS & CLEANING	
Mask wearing	All staff, students and visitors must wear a mask or face covering.
Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All school-based staff receive face masks. All visitors and students receive face masks. • Staff at an increased risk for exposure receive face masks and gloves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Staff at an increased risk for exposure includes custodial teams, contracted medical staff, related service providers, staff in special education self-contained classrooms, staff diapering students, and staff conducting health screenings.</i> • Staff overseeing the Health Isolation Room receive face masks, gloves, gowns, and face shield. • All schools will continue to receive supply of hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
Shared Materials	As feasible, the preferred approach is to have individual items per student. When shared supplies must be used, use of supplies and equipment should be limited to one group of students at a time and clean and disinfect between uses to the extent feasible.
Cleaning	<p>Enhanced cleaning shall continue throughout the day for high touch surfaces; however, there is no requirement for enhanced cleaning between cohort use of a space. Deep cleaning shall be conducted after suspected or reported COVID-19 case.</p> <p>Computer keyboards should be wiped down after use with a disinfectant wipe if they are being shared.</p>
SOCIAL DISTANCING	
Social Distancing-Between Students	Students are to be separated to the extent feasible, but there is no minimum distance requirement between students.
Social Distancing-Between Students and Adults	To the extent feasible, 6ft spacing shall be maintained between adults and students.
Social Distancing-Between Adults	To the extent feasible, 6 ft spacing in between adults and other adults. This guideline applies to DCPS staff, partners, volunteers, and contractors.
COHORTS	
Student Cohort Size	Classes should be scheduled to ensure the lowest number of students per room possible; however, there is no cap on the number of students in a classroom.
Student / Student Cohort Interaction	Student cohort interaction should be limited to the extent feasible; however, there are no noted upper limits of cohort interactions for grades PK3- 12.
REPORTING COVID-19 CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED CASE	
Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School leader submits an incident report • If confirmed case, close contacts sent home immediately to quarantine • Deep cleaning scheduled and affected rooms / spaces closed off • Principal sends approved communication provided by Central Office • Health Services works with DC Health COVID-19 Contact Tracing Team to complete investigation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health COVID-19 Contact Tracing Team determines who needs to quarantine and length of quarantine • Confirmed cases need to submit medical clearance to return to school
SCREENING & TESTING	
Health Screening- Students and visitors	Patient Care Technicians (PCTs) will ask students, teachers and approved visitors the Ask, Ask Look protocol upon entering the building.
Health Isolation Room	All schools are to designate one room as the Health Isolation Room (HIR).
Temperature Checks- Adults and Students	Temperature checks will no longer be part of the health screening process.
Testing- Adults and Students	Testing procedures are dependent upon health conditions and determined in collaboration with DC Health. Details will be provided prior to the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.
MEALS, AIR QUALITY & CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS	
Meals	Students may eat in the cafeteria; however, while in the cafeteria, students will be separated as far as possible within the space. Lunch will be staggered into two lunches.
Air Quality	All HVAC enhancements, HEPA filters, and air quality sensors will be maintained and monitored to ensure they remain in working condition.
Classroom Arrangement and Scheduling	<p>To the extent feasible, individual desks and tables are to be facing the same direction. However, if adjustments need to be made to accommodate classroom size, this is allowable.</p> <p>Centrally, DCPS is procuring additional desks and furniture to support the implementation of this guidance. If schools require additional furniture, they should contact their assigned Strategic School Operations Specialist.</p>