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CCPS Superintendent/CEO Confirms Return to Face-to-Face January 10

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools confirms that the district will return to face-to-face instruction on Monday, January 10, 2022. The action is based on a variety of data that has served as the basis for district decision making as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Our decision, as always, is being made in the best interest of our students and their families and our employees and their families,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “We will take it one week at a time. We are basing this on the best information from the state and county’s public health and the county’s epidemiologist, the results from this week’s COVID testing by our employees, information from pulse check surveys of our parents/guardians, students and staff, and other communication from our stakeholders.”

“We will continue to remain in daily contact with county/state officials and will continue to closely monitor county and state data to determine our future actions,” the Superintendent added. “We will make decisions on the status of the district on a week by week basis until such time as this process is not needed.”

In addition, parents/guardians are encouraged to ensure that your children are dressed warmly in preparation for the cold weather. Appropriate attire for students can be found in the Student Handbook as well as the student services page of the district website. All students should continue to report to their bus stops at their regular times, however, delays are expected due to ongoing staff shortages.

As a reminder, employees and stakeholders are asked to continue to follow COVID-19 protocols and procedures mandated by the school system. Masks are required on the district’s school buses and in any facility. Social distancing is encouraged as well. Staff and students who are ill should also stay at home until such time as symptoms run their course. Please be advised on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at-home COVID-19 tests will be available for pick up at Tara Stadium (1055 Battle Creek Road in Jonesboro, Georgia) through a collaboration with the Clayton County Government and Board of Commissioners. Additional details will be shared as plans are finalized.

School Based COVID-19 Testing & Vaccination Clinics to Resume on Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is proud to remind all parents/guardians that through collaborative efforts between the CCPS Department of Student Services and Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services, Clayton Calling the Shots and Community Organized Relief Efforts (CORE) will resume school-based COVID-19 vaccinations and testings for eligible students at all school sites on **Tuesday, January 18, 2022**. The vaccine will be available for CCPS students during the school day for students 12-17 with parental consent and after school on Fridays at specific sites for students 5-11 with parental consent. Students who are 18 years of age and older may self consent to receive the vaccine.

Please be advised that the Clayton County Public Schools School-Based Vaccination clinics will administer the Pfizer vaccination first, second and boosters free of charge. Parents/guardians who wish to have their child(ren) vaccinated or students 18 and older who wish to be vaccinated, should:

1. Complete the Pre-Registration Student Vaccination Form located on each school website
2. Review the Vaccination Information Factsheet for Recipients and Caregivers
3. Complete the COVID-19 Vaccination Information and Consent Form
4. Either 1) upload the completed consent form to the COVID Vaccine Interest Google Form **or** submit the completed consent form directly to the healthcare technician at the school, no later than 3 days before the scheduled vaccination date.

As Clayton County Public Schools continue to encourage parents/guardians and all stakeholders to participate in vaccination and COVID-19 testing opportunities, the district will share additional information on testing and vaccinations for parents/guardians as plans are finalized. Stakeholders are also encouraged to seek independent providers relative to the availability of COVID-19 tests and vaccinations. Please submit any questions regarding the Clayton County Public Schools Secondary Student COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics to studenthealth@clayton.k12.ga.us.

“I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to our employees who have worked this week to keep our facilities safe and functional, who made sure our students had access to breakfast and lunch, and who administered COVID-19 tests to our employees and students. I also extend my profound thanks to all employees who were tested as part of our effort to maximize a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and our staff,” Dr. Beasley concluded.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth-largest school system in Georgia.

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