

Good afternoon VBPS families,

The health and safety of our students and employees continue to be our number one priority, and we remain committed to making evidence-based decisions to protect our students and staff. With the rise in cases in our community I wanted to provide you with a few reminders regarding COVID protocols and the current mitigation measures our district follows. In each building, restrooms are cleaned twice a day and surfaces, desks, and chairs are wiped down at the end of each day and during transition times. Disinfectant is sprayed via electrostatic sprayer each night in every room. Custodians wipe down touch points (knobs, surfaces, walls) during the day. The Building and Grounds crew are notified for targeted cleaning after a student tests positive for COVID-19.

Make A Health Assessment Part Of The Daily Routine-

Please remember to keep students home when they are experiencing illness symptoms. People with COVID-19 have reported experiencing a wide range of symptoms, from mild symptoms to severe illness. If students have two or more of the following symptoms, they will require COVID testing with a PCR test or a Return to School note from a healthcare provider with an alternative diagnosis:

- Fever >100.4 or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Pending COVID-19 testing

Water Bottles-

Water fountains are currently unavailable for student use. We have water bottle refill stations in all schools so students should plan to bring a water bottle each day to make sure they stay hydrated. Students can bring reusable water bottles or single use water bottles.

I hope you all had a blessed and safe holiday season.

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