

January 16, 2022

DCPS Families -

DCPS schools will be CLOSED on Tuesday, Jan. 18 (schools are also closed Monday, Jan. 17, for MLK Jr. Day). This will be our district's SECOND DCPS@Home day. Please review the information that was sent to you on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Copies of that message are posted on our website, along with a link to the assignments page. Go to that page here:

<https://www.daviesskyschools.org/News/dcps-at-home#sthash.FIJ0tUSR.dpbs>

Elementary students (grades P-5) should log in with their teachers at 9 a.m. Tuesday and complete "DCPS@Home Day 2" assignments in their packets; these assignments are also posted on the website linked above. Middle and high school schedules are also included on the website linked above. As a reminder - DCPS@Home assignments are due within five school days. DCPS@Home days do not have to be made up at the end of the year.

The decision to implement our second DCPS@Home day is based on the community rate of COVID-19 at an all-time high. The DCPS district is a reflection of the overall status of our community. Accordingly, this has directly impacted our staff - due to isolation and/or quarantines - making it difficult for us to provide operational bus transportation and in-person classroom instruction. Use of a DCPS@Home day allows time for staff to return and allows us to maintain an improved operational status.

I continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination and booster. N95, KN95, and other medical-grade masks have proven to be significantly more effective than cloth face coverings per the CDC's announcement issued Friday, Jan 14. Of course, vaccination continues to prove to be the strongest tool to minimize severe COVID-19 illness and outcomes.

DCPS is hosting testing clinics on Tuesday, Jan. 18. More information, including times and locations, will be shared on Monday, as details are confirmed. These free and voluntary clinics will be available to students, their families and siblings.

We appreciate the cooperation and support of our families in continuing the success of the DCPS@Home option, which allows students to continue learning without disruption.

Matt Robbins
DCPS Superintendent