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#PGCPS ProudToBeProtected: Vaccine Updates

This week, CEO Dr. Monica Godson announced details of the COVID-19 vaccination plan. PGCPS is working in collaboration with the Prince George's County Health Department and Kaiser Permanente on employee vaccinations. Starting Saturday, Jan. 30, employees may receive vaccinations **by appointment only** on Saturday and Sunday at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex and next week at Kaiser Lanham Rehabilitation Center.

Vaccination clinics are expected to run for six to eight weeks. Each Wednesday, you will receive registration information by email about available appointments for the upcoming weekend.

Vax Facts: How to Register, Where to Go, What to Bring



Registration: The vaccination registration link will be sent to all employees. Each Wednesday, you will receive registration information by email about available appointments for the upcoming weekend. Please do not share your link with anyone. Use your PGCPs email address when registering. Employees who do not live in Prince George's County should use their school or office address.

Clinic locations: **Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex** is located at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover. **Kaiser Permanente Rehabilitation Center** is located at 4400 Forbes Blvd. in Lanham.

Don't forget: Bring a PGCPs work identification card or another form of employment verification (i.e., printed pay stub) to the appointment.



Check out our **Facts of Getting Vaxxed** [video](#) to help you understand the vaccination process.

Frequently Asked Questions: Employee Vaccinations

You've got questions? We've got answers! You can find the latest information on the employee vaccination plan on the PGCPs website. Here's a sampling of frequently asked question

When will I be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

Prince George's County began Phase 1B for COVID-19 vaccinations, which includes educators and support staff on Monday, January 18. Vaccinations will begin Saturday, January 30 at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex by appointment only. A clinic will open at the Kaiser Permanente Lanham Rehabilitation Center next week. The vaccination clinics are expected to run for six to eight weeks.



When are the clinics open?

Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover is open for appointments starting January 30, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kaiser Permanente Lanham Rehabilitation Center in Lanham is open for appointments next week; more information is forthcoming on the available dates and times.

How can I make an appointment?

All employees received an email from the Chief Executive Officer with registration information and their designated vaccination site.

Where do I receive my vaccine?

Central office and school-based staff are assigned to the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex. Support staff is assigned to the Kaiser Permanente Lanham Rehabilitation Center. Employees received an email with a link to register at their respective site.

Is there a cost for the vaccine?

There is no cost to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

What should I do if I need to take leave due to immediate side effects?

PGCPs is giving employees paid leave on the day of the appointment or the Monday afterwards, depending on their designated group.

Is it mandatory for all PGCPs employees to be vaccinated?

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is not requiring the vaccination for educators. Receiving the vaccination is a personal decision.

If I get the vaccine, do I still need to wear a mask and practice social distancing?

Yes. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using protective measures, including covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often and staying at least 6 feet away from others.

For more information, visit www.pgcp.org/vaccine.

Employee Tele Town Hall Recap

CEO Dr. Monica Goldson hosted a tele town hall meeting for employees to discuss our COVID-19 vaccination plan. More than 9,500 staff members attended the meeting. The town hall recording is available in the Staff Portal on the PGCPs website.

Highlights:

- Approximately 94% of employees surveyed during the tele town hall meeting have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine, and 80% of employees surveyed indicated they would get a vaccine.
- The registration platform is being managed by our external partners; we will share employee feedback with our partners.
- Our new [vaccine webpage](#) includes detailed information, resources and frequently asked questions (FAQs) that will be continuously updated.
- Dr. Goldson will make an announcement in mid-February regarding school reopening plans.

COVID-19 Vaccine Facts and Myths

[Mythbuster vs. Facts Info](#)

Continue to dispel common myths with your family, friends and colleagues with these quick informational videos from Kaiser Permanente. Please click the links below to view each common myth's video.



- [mRNA & DNA](#)
- [Vaccines Give Covid](#)
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#PGCPS Proud: In the Spotlight

PGCPS Pride

Getting Students Ready for the Real World

Career & Technical Education Director Jean-Paul Cadet and Parkdale High School financial literacy teacher Susan Bistransin recently shared how personal finance became a graduation requirement in PGCPS on the [Next Gen Personal Finance](#) blog.

Vote: Stephen Decatur Educator in the Running for Most Valuable Teacher

Stephen Decatur Middle School teacher Takisha Garcia-Clouden is one of 20 teachers nationwide to be entered into the Most Valuable Teacher Program co-sponsored by [EVERFI](#), [NHLPA](#) and the [NHL](#). The program highlights educators who help to bring STEM concepts to life for students! [Vote now!](#)

Looking for Distance Learning Pros!

Do you have advice on making the most of the distance learning experience with students? We are highlighting **distance learning stars** to discuss or demonstrate best practices for teachers and/or families on PGCPS social media for #TeacherTuesday. Videos should be no longer than one minute. Send submissions to communications@pgcps.org.

Nominate a colleague who makes you #PGCPS Proud by sending their name, office/school, photo and a brief description (100 words or less) to communications@pgcps.org. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity or grammar.

Benefits Services: Our Focus Is You

#HealthyPGCPS: February Activities

Wellness 360 is hosting two webinars during the month of February.

- **Feb. 3:** [Sodium and Your Diet](#) - There is no registration required for this webinar.
- **Feb. 17:** [Keeping a Healthy Heart](#) - Registration is required.

Both webinars begin at 4 p.m. Visit [Wellness360](#) for more information.

PGCPS Goes Red on Feb. 5

February is American Heart Month, the perfect time to learn about your risk for heart



disease and the steps you need to take now to help your heart. Join us on **Friday, Feb. 5** for #PGCPSGoesRed and wear red in support of ending heart disease.

Announcements and Professional Development

W-2 Forms Distributed

Paper W-2 forms have been mailed to all employees via the U.S. Postal Service. W-2s were mailed to the address on record in Oracle as of Dec. 31, 2020.

W-2 forms will also be available through Oracle Self-Service. In order to access W-2 forms online, you must be in a PGCPs building or parking lot to sign in to Oracle Self-Service or have VPN access.



Requests for reprints of W-2 forms will be processed on or after Feb. 15 for the following reasons:

- Incorrect address in Oracle
- Former employee
- Employee without VPN access

To request a duplicate W-2, please complete the W-2 Reprint Request form emailed to all employees on Jan. 29.

Lifelong Learning: CEO Employee Scholarship Program

2019 CEO EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENT

MARGARET WIEDMAIER
Assistant to the Director
Human Resources Operations and Staffing

Full-Tuition Recipient
BS in Business Administration

"Don't we all want a brighter future? Walden's PGCPS CEO Employee Scholarship will open your eyes to endless possibilities. Being awarded this scholarship has transformed my life. It pushed me in the direction I knew I was to follow. Applying for the CEO Scholarship was just what I needed to push me out of my comfort zone and onto the road to success. You are worth it! Apply today!"

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to further your education at Walden University!

[Apply now for the CEO Employee Scholarship Program](#), created in partnership with Walden University. Scholarship opportunities are available to all employees, seeking undergraduate and graduate degrees. Applications are due **Monday, Feb. 15**. Winners may use their scholarship for the start date best for them in a qualifying program from April 2021 through September 2021.

One full-tuition scholarship and one partial-tuition scholarship will be awarded at each level:

- **Bachelor's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$15,000 partial scholarship)
- **Master's Degree Program** (runner-up: \$12,000 partial scholarship)
- **Doctoral Degree Program** (runner-up: \$10,000 partial scholarship)
- **Graduate Certificate Program** (runner-up: \$6,000 partial scholarship)

For more information, call 1-855-628-3427 or visit WaldenU.edu/PGCPS-CEO-Scholars.

Free Webinar: Debate-Centered Instruction

The National Youth Summit on Education, Justice, and Leadership will host a free webinar on debate-centered instruction (DCI) for middle school and high school teachers, principals and superintendents. The webinar will be held on multiple dates:

- Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 23, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 25, 5 p.m.

[Learn more about this opportunity and register now.](#)

ICYMI: In Case You Missed It

Thanks from the Excellence in Education Foundation

The Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPs wishes to thank all employees who have supported the foundation through giving. Your contributions have helped to close the digital divide, award scholarships to our graduating seniors and so much more!

In appreciation, the foundation has partnered with Kaiser Permanente to offer employees a free chair yoga and mindfulness session on Friday, Feb. 12, from noon to 1 p.m.

[Registration](#) is required.

Family Survey on Internet Access

PGCPS is partnering with Boston Consulting Group and Comcast to learn more about how students and families are accessing the internet during COVID-19. Answers will help families receive better internet services and support. Please encourage students and parents to [take the five-minute survey](#).

Home internet service is not required to participate. All answers are confidential and will not be associated with individuals. Families who complete the survey will earn a \$15 Visa gift card courtesy of BCG and Comcast.

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