



December 22, 2021

Dear Aiton Elementary,

This letter is to inform you that we have received 7 reported positive cases of COVID-19 reported at your school, with additional cases being processed. Any positive individuals are no longer on campus and will not return until medically cleared.

Unless you have received instructions directly, your student has not been identified as a close contact of the positive individual and does not need to be tested or self-quarantine.

We are seeing a city-wide and region-wide increase in COVID-19 cases, and as with previous case increases within our community, those trends are reflected in the number of reported positive cases at schools. We want to assure you that we are monitoring all our school cases closely and remain in constant communication with public health authorities.

Earlier this week, Mayor Bowser announced a citywide action plan with several impacts on DC Public Schools, including:

- **Each school will receive a shipment of rapid antigen tests for every student and staff member** in support of a safe return from winter break. Your school will share more details about how to access those tests before the end of the year.
- To ensure appropriate time for testing, **we are adjusting the school calendar in January. Monday, January 3 and Tuesday, January 4 will now be non-instructional days for students. This means there will be no classes**, and staff and families will use those days to pick-up rapid antigen tests.
- If further adjustments are needed for your school's opening based on the results of staff tests, we will communicate those as early as possible. **Families should currently plan for schools to reopen on Wednesday, January 5.**

I know that this has been a trying time for our community. We will continue to keep you informed about our health and safety measures and work together to ensure we have a strong, robust, and safe school year.

Thank you,

DCPS COVID Response Team