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GRADES PRE-K3 TO 12

# Learning Without Limits

January 17, 2022

## Important Vaccine Mandates

Beginning **January 15, 2022** many D.C. public businesses will require all patrons aged 12 or older to show proof that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before they are allowed entry (two doses will be required starting February 15th).

### Businesses will include:

- Restaurants, bars and lounges
- Indoor cultural and entertainment facilities
- Indoor exercise and recreational establishments
- Indoor event and meeting establishments

[Click here to view a detailed list of businesses](#)

### By February 15, 2022 all DC residents ages 12 and older must be fully vaccinated

- You must receive your first dose no later than January 15, 2022 to be fully vaccinated by the deadline.

[Click here for a list of list of vaccination sites](#)

### Vaccinated adolescents ages 12-15 are now eligible to receive booster shots

- Scholars who received the Pfizer vaccine on or before August 6, 2021 can get a booster.

[Click here for a list of booster sites](#)

### Exemptions for Providing Proof of Vaccination

- Only briefly entering (i.e. to use the restroom, pick up an order to go)

- Medically exempt or unable to take the vaccine out of a sincerely held religious belief.
- Patrons who have and show documentation of medical or religious exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccine must provide a negative PCR or antigen test within the last 24 hours.
- Documentation of a medical exemption, such as a note from a medical provider.

### Frequently Asked Questions

[Click here for a list of FAQs about the Covid-19 vaccines](#)



# FPCS Covid-19 Testing Update

Beginning this week, Friendship will send COVID-19 antigen rapid tests home each Friday with all students in grades **PK-3, PK-4, and K**. To keep your child safe and healthy as well as protect the Friendship community, please administer one of the included tests on Monday, January 17, and upload your child's results here: [bit.ly/fpscscovid](https://bit.ly/fpscscovid) before your child returns to school on the following morning of Tuesday, January 18. If your child is absent from school on Friday, you may still drop by their school on Friday and pick up a test kit during regular school hours.



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Please administer a test on **Monday, January 17** and upload results to [bit.ly/fpscscovid](https://bit.ly/fpscscovid) before returning to school on **Tuesday, January 18**.

**Please Note:** If a student receives a positive result, the student must quarantine for 10 calendar days.



## Collegiate wins Gilda Allen Best School Garden Award!

Just last year, Friendship Collegiate scholars and community members held their inaugural Earth Day celebration and established what is now recognized as D.C.'s Best School Garden! Friendship Collegiate was awarded the Gilda Allen Best School Garden Award named for a trailblazer in the development of school gardens across the District. Given during Growing Healthy Schools Month in October, the program honors students who share Gilda Allen's enthusiasm and vision. Read the winning essay submitted by scholar and member of the Urban Garden Society at Collegiate, Treasure Jenkins [here](#).



We can't wait to see how our Collegiate scholars and their garden continue to flourish!

**Many thanks to Collegiate's Urban Garden Society, Carmielle Darden, the UDC CAUSES, D.C.'s Department of Energy and Environment, and all other team members who helped make this all happen.**



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## Launch of Friendship's Learning Management System

Over the past two years, we demonstrated that neither circumstances nor location will stand in the way of teaching and learning. And we will continue to enhance student, staff and parent access to high-quality instructional materials and resources through the launch of a learning management system (LMS).

Within the next year, Friendship will launch its LMS online platform to provide a single location with access to all tools for distance learning, including virtual instruction, lesson plans and materials, and staff professional development.

Through work with staff members in 2021 across grade levels, content areas and Friendship sites, we made substantial progress toward a launch. We are now calling upon Friendship academic content creators to help reenergize our work. Your help is needed to provide instructional content to help set up the learning management system for scholars, parents, team members, and stakeholders.

To staff, we will be reaching out to you for your input. To our parents and scholars, we will seek your input during this process and update you with information on how to access the portal meeting the desired needs of the stakeholder.

We look forward to working together in this effort.

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# Congratulations, Friendship Collegiate scholars!

## **Posse Foundation Scholarship awarded to:**

Abdul-Rasheed Flythe | 12th Grade  
University of Wisconsin at Madison

## **The following scholars have been awarded as OSSE Scholars:**

Jordan Rouse | 10th grade | Syracuse University  
Jeremiah Barnes | 10 grade | Emory University  
Duke White | 10th grade | Syracuse University  
Jade Mosby | 11th grade | Smith College  
Michael Joyner | 11th grade | Syracuse University  
Alisha Wooten | 11th grade | Emory University

**We are so proud of you all!**  
**Keep up the great work, scholars!**

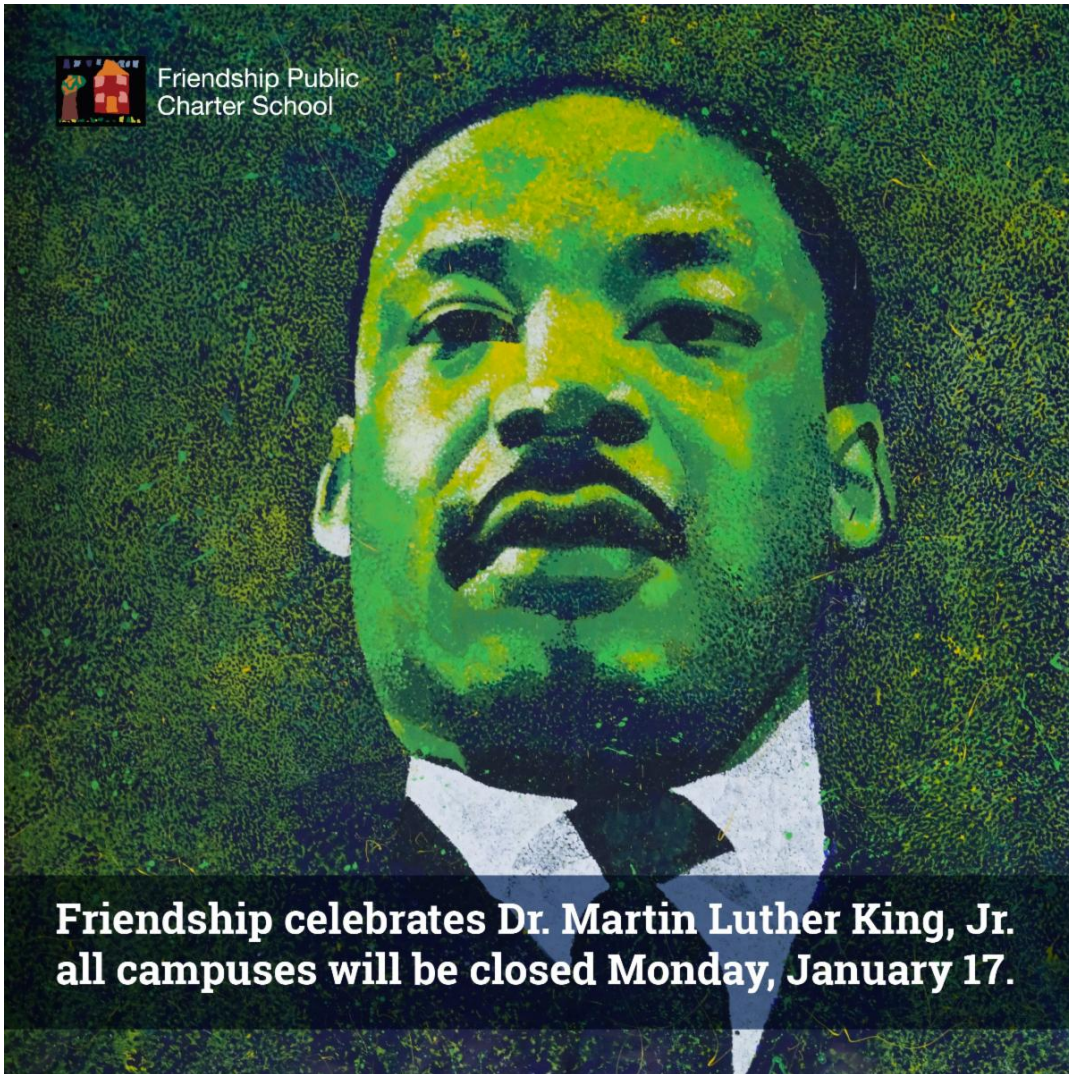


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**No school on Monday, January 17, 2022.**



## Something to Say?

Share your “Glows and Grows” with us. Did a teacher or other team member go above and beyond? Are you especially grateful to a student or family member? Do you have a suggestion or lesson learned? Need school-based resources? Let us know! All comments and questions are welcome. Call 202.281.1777 or email [wecare@friendshipschools.org](mailto:wecare@friendshipschools.org).



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