

School Year 2020-21 Enrollment Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions

To help mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our region, DCPS school buildings are currently closed and distance learning at home is underway for current students. Please find an official update to enrollment processes and deadlines below. These guidelines will be in place until school buildings reopen on Monday, April 27.

DCPS is committed to opening enrollment as soon as possible to best serve our families and welcome new students to our community! We are proud to serve more than 51,000 students and look forward to launching School Year 2020-2021 (SY20-21) with your family.

We are working hard on launching an electronic submission process for SY20-21 enrollment and our goal is for this option to be available to families as soon as possible – no later than Monday, April 27. We will keep you updated as additional information becomes available.

The following is current as of Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Summary of changes to SY20-21 enrollment process and deadlines:

- Lottery results will be released publicly on Friday, March 27.
- In-person enrollment will begin when school buildings reopen on Monday, April 27.
- Families will have until Wednesday, May 27 (one month after DCPS school buildings are rescheduled to reopen) to enroll and claim their seat.
- DCPS is working on an option for SY20-21 enrollment to be submitted electronically and in accordance with OSSE regulations. The goal is for this option to be available to families and schools no later than Monday, April 27.
- DCPS will post the SY20-21 Enrollment Packet online and share it with schools when school buildings reopen on Monday, April 27. If an electronic enrollment submission option is available prior to that time, DCPS will post the SY20-21 Enrollment Packet online as soon as it is available.

FAQs

1. How will this closure affect timelines for the My School DC lottery results?

For SY20-21, the deadline to enroll and claim a lottery-matched seat has been extended to **Wednesday, May 27**. This is one month after schools are scheduled to reopen.

2. When and how can I enroll my student for SY20-21?

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3. Because schools are closed until April 27, will my student lose their matched seat?

All matches are guaranteed until Wednesday, May 27. Families have until May 27 to enroll and claim their seat. As a reminder, all families are always guaranteed a seat at their [in-boundary school](#) for grades K through 12.



4. If my student is called off a waitlist before Wednesday, May 27, how long will they have to enroll and accept the offer?

Any student who is offered a seat from a waitlist more than five business days in advance of May 27 will also be given until Wednesday, May 27 to enroll and accept the offer.

5. Where can I find the DCPS SY20-21 Enrollment Packet and other enrollment-related forms?

DCPS will post the SY20-21 Enrollment Packet online and share it with schools when school buildings reopen on Monday, April 27. If an electronic enrollment submission option is available prior to that time, DCPS will post the SY20-21 Enrollment Packet on the DCPS Enrollment website when the electronic enrollment submission option launches.

6. Are there changes to how families prove DC residency?

For SY20-21, there are no changes in requirements for families, but alternative methods for submitting the necessary documentation will be available. All families will still complete a DCPS enrollment packet, prove DC residency, and submit all documents to their school.

Because school buildings are closed through Friday, April 24, families will not be able to submit enrollment paperwork in-person at schools until Monday, April 27. To support families and schools, DCPS is working to determine an appropriate process for online submission of all enrollment documentation, including DC residency paperwork and the ability to provide e-signature options for families. The goal is for this option to be available to families and schools no later than Monday, April 27.

7. Are there changes to the health-related enrollment requirements for SY20-21?

Given the changes to the enrollment process noted above, OSSE will now require that students and families provide Universal Health Certificates and Oral Health Assessments at the start of SY20-21, instead of at the time of enrollment. As a reminder, all students must be up to date on their immunizations in order to attend school.

8. Is 2020 Enrollment Saturday still happening?

No. 2020 Enrollment Saturday, previously scheduled for Saturday, April 25, is cancelled.

9. If I have additional questions about enrollment, who can I contact?

If you have questions, we encourage you to take the following steps:

- Visit the [DCPS Enrollment website](#).
- Contact the Enrollment Team at enroll@k12.dc.gov or (202) 478-5738.
- For lottery-specific questions, contact My School DC at (202) 888-6336 or info.myschooldc@dc.gov.