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DME Bulletin – COVID-19

April 8, 2020

MAYOR'S BRIEFING

You can watch Mayor Bowser's briefing from Wednesday, April 8 [HERE](#).

OSSE UPDATE

Attachments:

- 180-Day Waiver and Instructional Time Guidance
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Guidance
- Updated Nonpublic Guidance

180-Day Waiver and Instructional Time Guidance: OSSE will exercise its existing regulatory authority to extend flexibility to LEAs to shorten the school year. More information will be available for this waiver process soon. Additionally, on Tuesday, the [DC Council passed emergency legislation](#) that waives the 100 hours of community service for high school graduates in the 2019-20 school year. It also waives the Carnegie unit (or "seat-time") requirement for high school course credits for any courses in which high school students were enrolled during school closures.

OSSE has created the attached FAQ, which can also be found [HERE](#), to clarify expectations for students, families and LEAs. The FAQ can be adapted for communications with your school community.

Education for Children and Youths Experiencing Homelessness Frequently Asked

Questions (FAQ): In response to questions received on LEA responsibilities regarding students experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 outbreak, OSSE has developed the attached frequently asked questions (FAQ) document, which can also be found [HERE](#). This FAQ provides additional clarification of LEA responsibilities, under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, on topics ranging from required services and supports for students experiencing homelessness to identifying funds to purchase items. For additional questions, please contact HEP.OSSE@dc.gov.

Updated Nonpublic Guidance: Please find the attached updated nonpublic schools guidance. This policy document supersedes previously released guidance on the topic. This update contains new information specifically related to payment for any related services provided and attendance coding. OSSE intends to issue additional guidance in the coming weeks with information for how schools provide services and receive payments during the period beyond the initial 30-day extension. For additional questions, please contact OSSE.COA@dc.gov.

For access to all COVID-19 related published guidance from OSSE, please visit <https://osse.dc.gov/page/updated-osse-guidance-documents>.

DCPS ONLINE WORKSHOPS

DCPS is launching virtual Parent University workshops to provide information and start conversations on topics that are top of mind for families. The first session on "Managing Stress as Adults" is being held

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today, Wednesday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. You can RSVP for this and all upcoming workshops at dcpsparentu2020.eventbrite.com.

Date and Time	Topic
Wednesday, April 8, 2:30 p.m.	Managing Stress as Adults
Thursday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.	Understanding Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.	Using the Guide to Graduation, Career, and College
Wednesday, April 15, 2:30 p.m.	Using the Guide to Graduation, Career, and College (in Spanish)
Wednesday, April 22, 2:30 p.m.	Helping Your Child Manage Stress

AP EXAM DATES

CollegeBoard has released the schedule for the new at-home testing option for this year's AP Exams. Most exams will have one or two free-response questions, and each question will be timed separately. Students will need to write and submit their responses within the allotted time for each question. More information is available in the attached AP Exam Update and [HERE](#).

TRUSTED SOURCES REMINDER

The Bowser Administration remains committed to communicating timely updates to all stakeholders. Please continue to follow guidance from trusted, verified sources including official DC Government social media accounts:

- [@MayorBowser](#)
- [@DMEforDC](#)
- [@OSSEDC](#)
- [@dcpublicschools](#)
- [@dcpcsb](#)

You can also stay up-to-date by visiting coronavirus.dc.gov for information on the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19).