



Petersburg City Public Schools

Maria Pitre-Martin, Ph.D., Superintendent

Petersburg City Public Schools Offers COVID-19 Testing Program

PETERSBURG, VA 19 MAY 2021- Beginning May 25th, Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) will be the first and only public school division in the state of Virginia to offer COVID-19 testing in the school setting as a part of the Increased Community Access to Testing (ICATT) program. The ICATT program is voluntary and free to PCPS students and staff. Students under the age of 18 will need to have parental consent before they are tested.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services notified Petersburg City Public Schools in April that it was selected for the free school testing resources and services through the ICATT) program. ICATT has expanded testing operations in schools to reduce COVID-19 disease spread, to ensure that schools are safe environments for learning, and to help schools stay open.

“School COVID-19 testing is one more layer of protection that helps us attend school in person safely, keep our schools open, and allow our students to do the activities they love - safely,” offered Dr. Maria Pitre-Martin, Superintendent of Petersburg City Public Schools. “Regular COVID-19 testing can quickly detect, trace, and isolate COVID-19 positive individuals., and that will help us lower the risk of transmission,” added Dr. Pitre-Martin.

Testing is quick and easy and is not painful or invasive, and the tests will be administered on-site at several school buildings. Parents/Guardians will need to sign a one-time consent form to have their child tested. Testing will be offered two days a week. Any student or staff who tests positive will be contacted directly. For more information on COVID Testing in PCPS, please visit www.petersburg.k12.va.us.

VERNON JOHNS MIDDLE SCHOOL will be testing on **Tuesday and Wednesday** during our scheduled lunch time.

If you are interested in Covid-19 testing please click to link below to register and schedule your Covid-19 test.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16O3NIQsWKMFnX5vXLLAfbW4gfo7lqjAXkaeUtiumiFc/edit>

We also have copies of the consent form located in the main office of the school. You and/or child can pick up a copy in our main office. Our address is....
3101 Homestead Drive Petersburg, VA 23805. If you have any question or concerns please feel free to call VJMS @ 804-861-1249

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