Happy New Year!!! In-Person Learning resumes Tuesday January 18, 2022. Here are a few important updates/information for your review. It is imperative that parent(s)/guardian(s) are up-to-date with accurate information in order to carefully return to school and maintain the safest outcome for your home and our learning community.

Please **STAY HOME** if your scholar is exhibiting ANY ONE of these symptoms:

* Fever or chills
* Cough
* Shortness of breath
* Muscle of body aches
* Headache
* New loss of taste or smell
* Sore throat
* Congestion or runny nose
* Nausea or vomiting
* Diarrhea

Visit [When to Keep Your Child Home from School](https://www.pgcps.org/globalassets/offices/school-health/docs---school-health/when-to-keep-your-child-home-from-school.pdf) for more information.

Students/staff who present with the following symptoms while at school will be immediately quarantined and parent’s notified for pick-up:

* Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
* Sore throat
* Cough
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
* Diarrhea or vomiting
* Severe headache
* Loss of taste or smell

**COVID Updates**

Please take the time to read [PGCPS Updated Quarantine and Testing Guidelines](https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/resources/quarantine-and-testing). If after thoroughly reading through the entire set of guidelines you have remaining questions, feel free to contact the Nurse Ellis at nurse@cmitsouth.org.

New Fully Vaccinated Definition

* Have been boosted

**or**

* Completed the primary series of:
	+ Pfizer vaccine (2 doses) within last 5 months

**or**

* + Moderna (2 doses) vaccine within the last 6 months

**or**

* + J&J (1 dose) vaccine within last 2 months

**Updated Quarantine and Isolation Periods**

Isolation (COVID-19 Positive) and Quarantine (Close Contact of positive case) periods have changed to 5 days, returning on Day 6 *for most individuals who are able to meet the criteria*. Please see complete details/guidelines, [PGCPS Quarantine and Testing Guidelines](https://www.pgcps.org/coronavirus/resources/quarantine-and-testing).

Please contact Nurse Ellis if anyone in your household has tested positive to COVID-19 **AND** your CMIT South MS/HS scholar is unvaccinated **OR** your scholar has tested positive for COVID-19.

**COVID-19 Information**

[COVID-19 Fact Sheet](https://www.md-council.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/COVID19_FYI_FactSheets_ALL.pdf)

[CDC and Masks Information](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html)- please note gaiters and bandana are NOT ACCEPTED in PGCPS

[CDC/Omicron Variant What You Need to Know](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/omicron-variant.html)