



Office of Family and
Community Empowerment

Dear Parent Leaders,

Thank you for your commitment to working with families and communities to get them ready for fall. This morning, the Mayor and Chancellor announced that in-person learning will begin on Monday, September 21. School staff are still expected to report to schools on September 8. Starting on September 16, teachers will remotely work with all students for an instructional transition and orientation period. A later start date will allow you more time to thoroughly prepare for the start of a school year like no other. We will release additional guidance on the calendar and transitional period soon.

Additionally, beginning October 1 and recurring each month, mandatory testing in schools (for students in blended learning) will be comprised of a random sample of 10-20% of a school's student and staff population. This will bolster our commitment to health and safety for everyone in our school communities. We will also share additional guidance and information on testing soon.

Please share this information with families and your communities. The Chancellor will soon follow-up with a letter, translated into 9 languages, for school communities. Information is also available on the DOE website.

Thank you for your collaboration during these unprecedented times. We know how much our families and communities look to your leadership, and we are grateful for your partnership in ensuring that families have the best information possible.

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