



**Department of  
Education**

Chancellor Richard A. Carranza

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Dear Families,

The health and safety of our communities remains our top priority, and we will continue to take all appropriate measures to help keep our students, families, and staff members safe. Two weeks ago, we shared some information with you regarding the Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (PMIS), a rare condition that is potentially life-threatening in children. Last week, we learned from DOHMH that the condition was renamed Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C). Guidance issued by DOHMH remains in place, and we urge you to visit [nyc.gov/health](https://nyc.gov/health) at any time for this important information related to MIS-C. There, you will also find the MIS-C [Fact Sheet](#), provided last week and newly translated into multiple languages [here](#).

As a gentle reminder, families should continue to discuss with their children the importance of the following measures and ensure your children are doing the following:

- Consistent with Executive Order 202.17: **all people over the age of two who can medically tolerate a face covering must wear one when they are outside their home** if they cannot maintain physical distance from others. Free face coverings are available at DOE Meal Hubs in all five boroughs—you can find one close to you [on the DOE website](#).
- Physical distancing and good hygiene remain critical, even while wearing a face covering.
- When outside the home, adults and children **must maintain at least 6 feet of distance** between themselves and others whenever possible.
- Parents should remind children of the importance of good hand hygiene and should help ensure that children frequently wash their hands.

We will continue to communicate with you on a weekly basis regarding MIS-C. Please visit [nyc.gov/health](https://nyc.gov/health) at any time for the latest information on MIS-C, and do not hesitate to contact 311 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard A. Carranza'.

Richard A. Carranza  
Chancellor

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