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## **DeKalb County School District Announces COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Plan**

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – DeKalb County School District (DCSD) has finalized its plan for offering both testing and vaccinations for employees, and testing for families.

Vaccinations will be available at the Administrative & Instructional Complex for employees only. The District has partnered with DeKalb County Board of Health, Walgreens and Briarcliff Pharmacy to administer the vaccines. Other locations are being considered for a future date.

“We are encouraged by the continued partnership with the DeKalb County Board of Health, and our other community partners to provide vaccines and testing,” said DCSD Superintendent Cheryl Watson-Harris. “Our vaccination and testing options provide a service for our employees and the DeKalb County community, as we transition to hybrid learning. The vaccine is not mandated, but we wanted to make sure our employees had access after the state adjusted the roll-out schedule.”

The DeKalb County Board of Health (DCBOH) has secured 12,000 vaccination kits to support administering the vaccines to the DCSD employees who indicated their interest in receiving the vaccine. DCBOH will administer vaccines to employees on March 20, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A registration link will be provided to staff on Monday, March 15, 2021.

“We are pleased to assist the DeKalb County School District with COVID-19 vaccination efforts,” said DeKalb County District Health Director S. Elizabeth Ford, M.D., M.B.A. “The peace of mind from receiving this vaccine will be immeasurable, as staff continue to transition back to a face-to-face learning environment, educating our future leaders.”

COVID-19 testing will be offered at four schools for staff and families—Cross Keys High School, Bethune Middle School, Doraville United Elementary School and Dunwoody Elementary School—between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

DCSD has also partnered with Viral Solutions to offer COVID-19 testing for employees at The Ethiopian Evangelical Church in Stone Mountain, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Testing is also available at Greater Piney Grove Church in Atlanta and South DeKalb Mall in Decatur.