

# COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. McDUFFIE



March 15, 2020 -- DC Health/CDC Recommendations

## If You Are Experiencing Symptoms - Fever, cough, and shortness of breath

- Contact your primary care provider.
- Stay home except to receive medical care.
- Separate yourself from others.
  
- DC Health Link has a special enrollment period so individuals without insurance can get covered now.
  - If you do not have insurance, call (855) 532-5465 and DC Health Link will help you get covered. You can visit: [www.dchealthlink.com](http://www.dchealthlink.com) for more information.

## How to Protect Yourself

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds multiple times a day. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when feeling sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
  
- For the latest updates on the District's response to Coronavirus, visit <http://coronavirus.dc.gov>.
- DC has established a Coronavirus hotline phone number [202-576-1117](tel:202-576-1117) and email [Coronavirus@dc.gov](mailto:Coronavirus@dc.gov).

## DC Council Emergency Legislation

- Prohibit evictions and the disconnection of gas, water, and electric service.
- Expand unemployment insurance to include workers impacted by the public health emergency.
- Deferral of real property and corporate tax payments owed by businesses to DC for up to 90 days.
- Grants for eligible small businesses to cover employee wages and other operating costs.

- Loosening of time restrictions on prescription refills so residents can access larger quantities of their medications.
- Adjustment to ANC meeting rules - No meetings shall be required during a public health emergency declared by the mayor and the number of required meetings shall be reduced by 1 for every 30 days that a public health emergency is in effect during the year.

*\*Due to the nature of this rapidly evolving situation, the legislation may undergo changes between now and when it is voted on by the Council on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The latest versions of the legislation will be updated here:*

<https://kenyanmcduffieward5.com/coronaviruslegislation/>

**\*\*\*NEW AT 1:45PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 \*\*\* DC Health Advisory on Mass Gatherings for Restaurants, Taverns, Nightclubs, and Multi-Purpose Facilities**

Restaurants and taverns licensed in the District of Columbia are approved with various configurations, floor plans, and occupancy limits. To comply with DC Health’s prohibition of mass gatherings and achieve the public health goals of social distancing, restaurants and taverns shall:

- Ensure that no more two hundred and fifty (250) people are present in the space at the same time
- Suspend the use of bar seating
- Suspend service to standing patrons
- Limit individual table seating to six (6) persons or less
- Ensure that tables (including booths) that are occupied by patrons are separated by at least six (6) feet of distance

Venues licensed as nightclubs and multi-purpose facilities in the District of Columbia must suspend operations to comply with the Emergency Rulemaking to Prohibit Mass Gatherings.

**DC Public Schools / Charters**

- DC Public School (DCPS) are closed starting Monday, March 16, 2020. Next week will be considered ‘Spring Break’ and the following week will utilize distance learning. For the latest information, visit: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>.
- DCPS has also established locations for students to access meals during this break.
  - Meals will be available for all students every weekday from Monday, March 16- Tuesday, March 31 from 10 am-2 pm.
  - The Ward 5 sites are Brookland Middle School and McKinley Education Campus. (see below for full list of DCPS meal locations)
- Some public charter schools are also providing meals and closure status of charters schools can be found here: <https://dcpcsb.org/school-closings-coronavirus-concerns>

## Meal Locations for All Students from March 16 to March 31

School Name	Address	Ward
Anacostia High School	1601 16th Street SE	8
Ballou High School	3401 4th Street SE	8
Banneker High School	800 Euclid Street NW	1
Brookland Middle School	1150 Michigan Avenue NE	5
Cardozo Education Campus	1200 Clifton Street NW	1
Columbia Heights Education Campus	3101 16th Street NW	1
Coolidge High School	6315 5th Street NW	4
Eastern High School	1700 East Capitol Street NE	6
Jefferson Middle School	801 7th Street SW	6
Kelly Miller Middle School	301 49th Street NE	7
Kimball Elementary School	3375 Minnesota Avenue SE	7
LaSalle-Backus Education Campus	501 Riggs Road NE	4
McKinley Education Campus	151 T Street NE	5
Stanton Elementary School	2701 Naylor Road SE	8
Walker-Jones Education Campus	1125 New Jersey Avenue NW	6
Woodson High School	540 55th Street NE	7

# ALL STUDENTS



### Seniors

- DC Health has asked that older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions are at higher risk for serious illness from COVID-19 and ***should avoid gatherings of 10 or more people.***
- Senior Wellness Centers operated by the DC Office on Aging and Community Living will be closed for regular use starting Monday, March 16 through at least April 1.
- Adult Day Health Centers will be open. Call 202-724-5626 for info.
- Specific updates to Ward 5 senior facilities:
  - Model Cities Wellness Center will be open for meal pick up only between 10 am and 2 pm for current participants.
  - Connector has ceased group trip transportation in the District and Edgewood Terrace suspended the Wednesday shuttle.
  - Green Valley community dining participants should now pick up their meals at Second New St. Paul Baptist Church, 2400 Franklin St NE.
  - Please contact Seabury Resources at 202-724-5626 for more information.

### **DC Government Status of Facilities:**

- DC Recreation Centers will be closed starting Mon, March 16 through at least April 1.
- DC Public Libraries will be closed starting Monday, March 16 through at least April 1.
- DC Public Works will continue to operate, and residents should expect the standard trash pickup.
- Starting Monday, March 16, through Tuesday, March 31, the District of Columbia Government will operate under an agency-specific telework schedule, with the intent to continue to deliver essential services and to keep critical systems and services operating.

### **Metro / Public Transport**

- Transport DC is operating for WMATA MetroAccess Customers. Book your ride: 1-844-322-7732. More details: <https://dfhv.dc.gov/service/transport-dc>.
- WMATA asks that you not ride Metro bus or rail if you are sick.
- WMATA Metro Rail and will operate on a more limited schedule beginning Monday, March 16.
  - Monday - Friday: Trains will operate every 12 minutes on each line throughout the day. The rail system will maintain normal hours, opening at 5 a.m.
  - Saturday: Trains will operate every 12 minutes on each line, with service from 7 a.m. until 1 a.m. (normal Saturday service).
  - Sunday: Trains will operate every 15 minutes on each line, with service from 8 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. (normal Sunday service).
- WMATA Metrobus will operate on a Saturday Supplemental Schedule (same as Columbus Day, President's Day, MLK Day, and Veterans Day). For complete information on WMATA, visit: <https://www.wmata.com/coronavirus>.

### **Federal Bureau of Prisons:**

- SOCIAL VISITS: Social visits will be suspended for 30 days, at which time the suspension will be reevaluated. To ensure inmates maintain social ties, the BOP will allow for additional inmate telephone communications. Inmates will be allowed 500 (vs. 300) telephone minutes per month.
- LEGAL VISITS: Access to legal counsel remains a requirement but requires additional protocols. In general, legal visits will be suspended for 30 days, however case-by-case accommodations will be considered and they are exploring electronic alternatives.
- INMATE MOVEMENT: All inmate facility transfers will be suspended for 30 days, at which time the suspension will be reevaluated. Exceptions are allowed for forensic studies, writs, Interstate Agreements on Detainers (IAD), medical or mental health treatment, and release to pre-release custody.