COVID-19 Health and Safety Policies for the 2022 Legislative/Policy Conference

The Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS) is committed to ensuring proper health and safety measures are in place for all of its in-person conferences. The following guidelines are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as of January 2021. For the most up-to-date information, visit the [CDC’s COVID-19 website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

**VACCINATION MANDATE:** Effective January 15, 2022, specific District of Columbia public businesses will require all patrons aged 12 years old or older to show proof that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine before they are allowed entry (two doses will be required starting Feb 15th). These include indoor event and meeting establishments, such as: hotel meeting rooms, banquet halls and conference center meeting facilities. ([Learn more about this public health order](https://www.gov.dc.gov/policy/doc/VaccinationOrderRequiringProofOfVaccination_12_122021.pdf)).

The safety protocols for the in-person Seminar will align with the recommendations of the city and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at the time of the Legislative/Policy Conference. The Council will clearly communicate those safety protocols, as well as any updates or changes, to registrants as details become available.

Speakers and attendees must wear well-fitting masks ([CDC: Your Guide to Masks](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/ Overview/How-to-Wear-Mask.html)) that fit completely over their nose and mouth. Masks must be worn inside unless eating, drinking, or taking a professional photo. All individuals are responsible for bringing their own mask(s) for use during the conference. If necessary, mask(s) will be provided by CGCS.

Hand sanitizer stations will be provided throughout the conference space.

Due to room size and current guidelines, CGCS will not be able to provide space for social distancing during sessions, meals, or receptions. CGCS encourages all attendees and others traveling to conferences to follow CDC guidelines during their trip.

CGCS will monitor changes to CDC’s guidelines on COVID-19 and will provide updates to all registered attendees of the conference as appropriate. CGCS reserves the right to modify or change any guidelines at any time for any reason.

**By participating in or attending any CGCS Conference you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.**

We ask all conferees to do their part by taking personal responsibility and remaining vigilant about their own health, including:

- [Stay home](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/stay-home.html) if you have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19.

- Wear face coverings in indoor places throughout the city (e.g., restaurants, bars and other indoor attractions)

- Using hand-sanitizing stations

- Wash hands frequently
Saturday, March 19, 2022
Registration
Continental Breakfast
Fall Conference Planning Meeting
Blue Ribbon Corporate Advisory Group Meeting
Discussion on State Policy Issues
The “ABC’s” of Federal Education Policy
Meeting of Legislative & Federal Programs Liaisons
Executive Committee Meeting
Task Force Meetings
New Member & New Attendees Orientation
Welcome Reception

Sunday, March 20, 2022
Registration
Buffet Breakfast
Board of Directors Meeting
Great City Colleges of Education Meeting
Luncheon with Speaker
Legislative Briefings with Council Staff
“Taste of Orlando” Reception

Monday, March 21, 2022
Breakfast with Speaker
Policy Briefings with Congressional and Administration Staff
Luncheon with Speaker
Capitol Hill Visits (You must arrange your own appointments)
Reception

Tuesday, March 22, 2022
Breakfast and Briefing
Adjourn

Topics to Discuss

- ESSER Spending Requirements
- Congressional Action on K-12 Education
- Supporting COVID-19 Mitigation in Urban Schools
- Federal Funding for School Year 2022-2023

Hotel Information

The Mayflower Hotel
1127 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
phone: 877-212-5752       fax: 202-776-9184

Make online reservations here.

*Please note that online reservations for the conference can only be made using the above link.

The cutoff date for the group rate is February 25th. Room rates are $258.00 per night, single and double occupancy, plus 14.8% tax. Two nights’ room and tax are required at the time reservation is made. For cancellation after February 5th, the deposit of 2 nights room and tax is non refundable.

Don’t Delay - Rooms are Limited!
REGISTRATION FEES INFORMATION

Payment Methods:
Payment can be made by card during online registration, or by mailing in a check. Checks should be made payable to the Council of the Great City Schools. **Please have invoice number, registrant name and conference name listed on check.** Please note that purchase order numbers will not be accepted for those registering on-site. A $100 late fee is applied to registrations received February 22, 2022 through March 18, 2022. A $200 late fee is applied to on-site registrations (on top of base registration price).

*Unless registering on-site, payment must be received prior to the start date of the conference.*

*REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY:* Refund requests, cancellations or substitutions must be emailed to: gbacon@cgcs.org. You will receive a full refund if cancellation is received on or before February 21, 2022 and a 50% refund if received from February 22- March 3, 2022. Cancellations made after March 3, 2022 or no-shows on March 19, 2022 will not receive a refund and will be billed the full amount.

Fee is waived for Superintendents and official Council School Board Representatives only (No Proxies). Fee is also waived for sponsors who have been identified through sponsorship information submitted prior to the conference.

*Per Person Rate*
$425 for Council School District member  
$425 for Council College of Education member  
$550 for Non-member school districts and Education Associations  
$775 Additional person(s) from sponsor company (per person)  
$1,000 for Companies Not Sponsoring (per person)  
$100 late fee (if registration is received February 22 through March 18)  
$200 late fee (On-site registration)  
$150 for Spouse (Spouse will receive special name badge for meal events only)

Register online at:
[https://event.me/kkdXk7](https://event.me/kkdXk7)