

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

on

“No Shots, No School” for School Year 2022-2023

on

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 1:00pm

**Live via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)
Chairman’s Website (www.ChairmanMendelson.com/live)**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public roundtable of the Committee of the Whole on “*No Shots, No School*” for School year 2022-2023. This roundtable will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 1:00pm via Zoom Video Conference Broadcast.

The purpose of this roundtable is to receive testimony from the Department of Health, the Deputy Mayor for Education, the State Superintendent of Education, the District of Columbia Public Schools, and the Public Charter School Board regarding the state of student immunizations in the District, including the COVID-19 vaccine. D.C. Official Code § 38-502 specifies that no student will be admitted to school unless the school has received certification of the student’s immunization or approved exemption, and students will be subject to disenrollment if they do not meet the requirements. Enforcement is about to begin for the 2022-2023 school year. While the policy of the District is that all children should be vaccinated, it is also the policy that all children should be educated. Therefore, it is not a desired outcome for children to be disenrolled. Government witnesses are invited to update the Council and the public on the progress of implementation of the law and plans to ensure all students in the District are primed for a successful school year. The Committee is also interested whether to modify the COVID-19 vaccine mandate since the pandemic has evolved and the COVID-19 variants seem to manifest similar to the annual influenza outbreaks.

Those who wish to testify must register at <http://www.ChairmanMendelson.com/testify> by the close of business on Thursday, October 6, 2022. **Testimony is limited to four minutes**; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. If you have additional questions, please email cow@dccouncil.us or contact Raleigh Lancaster, Senior Legislative Counsel, at (202) 724-7130.

The hearing will be conducted virtually on the Internet utilizing Zoom video conference technology. Testimony should be submitted in writing to cow@dccouncil.us in advance of the hearing. Written testimony will be posted publicly to <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/testimony>. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted to cow@dccouncil.us or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.