

DHMS Transportation Update – 8/29/19

Thanks to everyone for working with us over the summer to absorb the updates and new information we've been sharing, from progress on building construction to status of safety and infrastructure improvements. We are less than a week from the first day of school and the updates are still coming.

Several of the most critical late-breaking updates relate to Transportation. We've put together this overview of these latest Transportation updates to share with you because having this information in advance of Tuesday will allow you to begin to plan accordingly.

1. Signal at Old Dominion and Dorothy Hamm Middle School Driveway

Due to construction delays, the signal will not be operational on September 3.

In the interim, the following remedies will be in place:

For Walkers/Bicyclists crossing Old Dominion:

- Students will be crossed at two locations – Old Dominion Drive & Lorcom Lane, and at Old Dominion Dr. just past the Quincy/Lee Highway leg of Five Points. (See map for crossing locations based on student residences.)
- Arlington County Police will support both crossings as follows:
 - ACPD will post an officer the intersection of Lorcom Lane and Old Dominion Drive to support students crossing.
 - The DHMS Crossing Guard that will regularly be posted at Quincy / Lee Highway will instead support students crossing the west side of Old Dominion Drive during this interim condition. Police will evaluate the need for additional support at the Quincy Street and Lee Highway crossings and deploy accordingly.
- DHMS staff will be posted at at Old Dominion and Thomas Street to direct students to cross Old Dominion at Quincy or Lorcom prevent students from crossing Old Dominion Drive mid-block, along with an officer at the driveway directing students to cross at monitored intersections.

For Family Vehicles dropping off on Driveway:

- *As a reminder, the driveway is **one way** with the exit on to Old Dominion Dr.
- Exit from Driveway onto Old Dominion will be **right turn only** until the signal is operational.
- ACPD will park a cruiser with flashers on at Old Dominion and the driveway exit to prevent cars from turning left. Officers will direct students to cross Old Dominion at Lorcom or Quincy/Lee Highway.

- Should families wish to head east (left out of the driveway), in the interim, you may wish to use an alternate drop off location such as near the Cherrydale library.
- Cones and barrels will be placed at driveway end to force exiting vehicles to turn right
- Variable Messaging Signs have been deployed along Old Dominion Drive to alert motorists of new school and increased pedestrian traffic

2. Intersection of Military Road & Vacation Lane

Construction on the curb bump outs is ongoing.

- Construction hours will be restricted during student arrival and dismissal times.
- ACPD will provide crossing support at this location to help students cross and navigate the construction.
- A DHMS staff person also will be stationed at this intersection.

If you have questions, please email [APS Safe Routes to School](#).