

MEDIA ADVISORY

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#KeepNYCSchoolsOpen Movement to Hold City Hall Rally Tomorrow, Demands Immediate Reopening of Public Middle and High Schools and Halt to “Two Unlinked Cases” Rule

Rally participants will then march from City Hall to UFT headquarters

New York City—Tomorrow, February 3, the organizers of the #KeepNYCSchoolsOpen movement will hold a 9 a.m. rally at City Hall Park demanding that Mayor Bill de Blasio immediately reopen New York City public middle and high schools, and discontinue the use of the so-called “two unlinked cases” rule, which has resulted in hundreds of pre-kindergarten through fifth grade school building closures since their December reopening.

The group is also demanding a hearing with the City Council. Last month, parent organizers delivered [an open letter](#) to the Mayor and the Department of Education explaining why the two unlinked COVID-19 cases rule—which triggers a 10 to 14 day shutdown of school buildings—is unscientific, overly conservative, and needlessly disruptive. The group has yet to receive a response.

On January 13, United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew admitted the “two unlinked cases” rule was purposefully designed by his union in contravention to what doctors suggested and with the goal of keeping schools shut down.

WHAT: #KeepNYCSchoolsOpen is rallying to demand the immediate reopening of New York City public middle and high schools, a halt to the “two unlinked cases” rule for K-12 schools, and a hearing with the City Council.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 09:00 AM

WHERE: City Hall Park, in front of City Hall, with a march to UFT headquarters at 52 Broadway.

WHO: Rally participants include teachers, students and New York City public school families who support the #KeepNYCSchoolsOpen movement.

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