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The district's re-entry plan can be found here.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found here.

Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found here.

Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found here.

"Our vision is to work as a community to inspire a passion for learning, pursue excellence and empower students to reach their potential."

- **Wood County Schools**

The Coming Week

This past week, Wood County Schools has been in Remote Learning, meaning students are attending classes online while at home. With Remote Learning, teachers are in contact with students during the school day and students follow a regular bell schedule for their classes. Instruction is given through a combination of online meetings, videos and Schoology assignments.

A modified re-entry plan approved by the Wood County Board of Education allows parents to choose whether students will attend four days of in-person classes with Friday being a Remote Learning day, or five days of a Remote Learning. The change will be phased in throughout November by grade level.

Elementary School students were set to return to four-day-a-week in-person classes Nov. 9, but the county was required to go fully remote due to being marked Orange on the West Virginia Department of Education Saturday Education Map. This coming Monday, Nov. 16, both elementary AND middle school students will begin four-day in-person classes, unless the district remains Orange or goes Red.
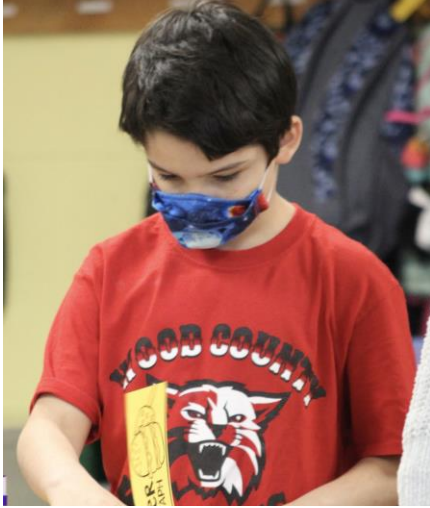
What Color Are We Now?

WVDE Saturday Education Map: If Wood County is marked **Orange** or **Red** on the Saturday map, in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely the following week. This map is updated every Saturday evening.

WVDHHR Daily COVID Map: If Wood County is marked **Red** on the WVDHHR daily map, all in-person classes will be suspended and all students will learn remotely until the county reaches a **Green**, **Yellow** or **Gold** designation on the Saturday map. Click the link and scroll down to the WV COVID-19 overview. At the top of the box click "County Alert System." Map is updated at 10 a.m. daily.

Important Dates

Nov. 23-27 – Fall Break

Nov. 24 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving

Dec. 8 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 23-Jan.1 – Winter Break

Dec. 25 – Christmas

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Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard

Wood County Schools has created an online dashboard to report confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The page can be accessed at www.woodcountyschoolswv.com by clicking on Menu: COVID 19 Information: COVID Dashboard, or through the direct link https://tinyurl.com/y2zf9q4u.

The page features a spreadsheet of Wood County schools and facilities. The number of positive COVID-19 cases will be listed next to each school as well as the date it was posted. The list will be reset each week.

Wood County Schools and the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's response to COVID cases will not change. Families will be notified of positive cases in their child's school, as will any individuals who may be asked to quarantine.

Preventing and Controlling COVID-19

As we move from fall into winter, it is vitally important that everyone in the community follow the state and federal guidelines on slowing and preventing the spread of COVID-19. While the number of positive cases in Wood County Schools continues to increase, officials emphasize very little of the spread occurs in the schools, but is almost always due to community transmission.

Students, staff, parents and community member are urged to wear masks, practice social distancing and to continue frequent handwashing.

Do you have feedback on the parent newsletter? Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net and all parents and community members are encouraged to download the Wood County Schools app for news and announcements from the district's Central Office.