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A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels can be found [here](#).

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

Heading into the Holidays

Only a few more days until Winter Break!

Wood County Schools will have two days of Full Remote Instruction next week, Monday and Tuesday. Though the state COVID-19 map is not posted until Saturday, current trends indicate the school system will be Orange or Red. Students will attend online Teams meetings based on their regular bell schedule.

Wednesday is no school. Teachers will still report to their buildings for meetings and professional development, but there will be no Teams meetings or regular office hours. Classes resume Jan. 4, 2021, and the goal is to bring all students back for in-person instruction, excluding those enrolled in virtual school.

Choosing a Calendar

Next week the Wood County Board of Education will hold its final public hearing on the proposed 2021-22 school calendar. The board will choose and approve one of three proposed calendars. The meeting will be held online Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. A full agenda and copies of the proposed calendars can be found at www.woodcountyschoolswv.com under Menu: Policies: Meetings.

Winter (News) Break

The Wood County Schools Parent Newsletter will not be published the next two weeks, but will resume Jan. 8. The first semester ends Jan. 22 and the new semester begins Jan. 25. Have a great winter break!



**"But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,
'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!'"**

Clement Clark Moore, *The Night Before Christmas*



COVID Vaccination

West Virginia began the first phase of COVID-19 vaccinations this week. Gov. Jim Justice announced the plan involves multiple steps as limited amounts of the vaccine are available and will be distributed based on need.

Phase 1 of vaccine distribution includes those at the highest risk of serious complications from COVID-19, as well as individuals who are essential frontline workers fighting this pandemic.

Phase 1-A: Hospital, long-term care facility and staff, and pharmacies.

Phase 1-B: Community infrastructure and emergency response, public health officials, and first responders.

Phase 1-C: Other healthcare workers, like home health providers.

Phase 1-D: Teachers and education staff in higher education and K-12 and other sectors for critical services for our state, such as utility and transportation workers.

Important Dates

Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 23-Jan.1 – Winter Break

Dec. 25 – Christmas

Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day

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.

Feedback?

Questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net and everyone encouraged to download the WCS app for news and announcements.

