



WCS Newsletter

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Welcome to 2021!

It's the start of a new year, but many of the challenges we faced in 2020 remain. The nation is still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic even as the first doses of a vaccine begin to be distributed in West Virginia.

Wood County Schools along with schools throughout our state are finishing up a week of remote learning, with students continuing to receive remote instruction next week.

Gov. Jim Justice has announced students will return to five-day-a-week in-person classes on Jan. 19, and winter sports will begin March 1.

For a more details on the state re-entry plan and reasoning for returning to in-person instruction, visit <https://wvde.us/school-recovery-protocols>.

Quick Links

A list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

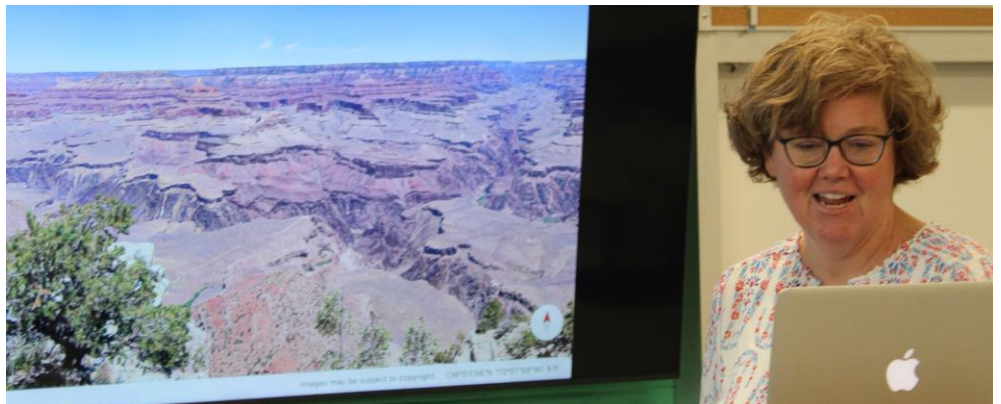
Parent support tools for iPads and Schoology can be found [here](#).

Wood County Schools COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#).

A Color Shift

Under the governor's revised re-entry plan, there will no longer be a Saturday education map. All elementary and middle school students will attend five-day a week in-person classes or WV Learns virtual school.

WVDHHR Daily COVID Map: The state will continue to update the DHHR's map each day at 10 a.m., with counties ranked Green through Red based upon community spread of the virus. If Wood County is marked **Red** on the WVDHHR daily map on a Sunday, high school students will receive remote instruction for the week. If Wood County is marked **Red** during the week, school will go remote the following day and the rest of the week until we are at a lower color on the Sunday map.



"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

**"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches,
letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."**

Pauline R. Kezer



Vaccinations

As the vaccination process begins, officials are determining the most effective way to distribute the limited supplies.

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department has begun vaccinations for residents age 80 and older. The vaccination events will be announced and participants will need to make an appointment.

Wood County Schools administered the first round of vaccinations for teachers and staff Thursday, administering doses to more than 400 employees age 50 and older. Those who received the vaccine this week will receive a booster shot in about three weeks.

P-EBT Cards

A second round of COVID-19 Pandemic EBT cards will be sent out next month, and those mailings will be based on information provided by Wood County Schools through the state WVEIS system.

If your address has recently changed, contact your home school to update your information.

All updates must be made before Feb. 1.

The P-EBT cards are intended to help families with food purchases for children to make up for days meals were unavailable due to school closures.

Important Dates

Jan. 12 – Wood BOE meeting.

Jan. 18 – MLK Day (no school)

Jan. 19 – In-person classes resume.

Jan. 22 – 1st semester ends.

Jan. 25 – 2nd semester starts.

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.

