



# WCS Newsletter

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## Quick Links

*Revised re-entry transition plan and options 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

## Back to School

Wood County Schools will return to in-person learning next week after several months of remote instruction. The first few weeks will be a transition period to help students get back into school routines and to provide time to vaccinate teachers, administrators and service personnel.

Wood County Schools will resume under a blended format, similar to what was used at the start of the school year except Fridays also will be in-person learning.

Students will attend using alternating schedule by last name. Students in Group A (last name A-K) attend school on campus Mondays and Wednesdays. Students in Group A will learn remotely off campus on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternating Fridays.

Students in Group B (last name L-Z) attend school on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students in Group B will learn remotely off campus on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternating Fridays.

Students in K-8 also have the option of distance learning where students receive instruction online via Teams meetings and through Schoology. Limited space will be available due to class size limits and available courses.

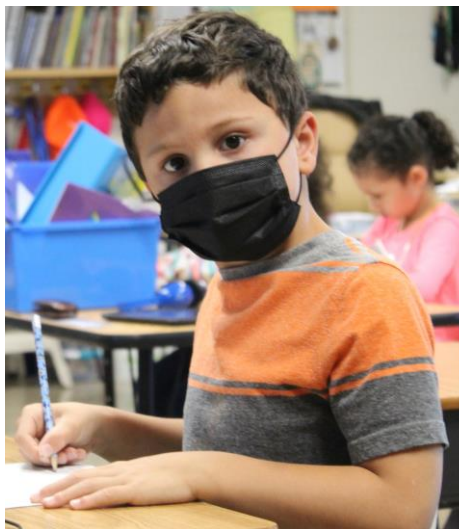
High school students in grades 9-12 would have the option of five day a week remote learning, where assignments are provided each day through Schoology.

Those students wishing to remain with the West Virginia Learns virtual school may do so without change. The new semester for virtual school begins Jan. 25.



**"Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire."**

**W.B. Yeats**



## 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.

## Vaccinations

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

The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department has been holding vaccination clinics for residents age 80 and older and recently began offering the shots to those age 70 and older.

Wood County Schools began employee vaccinations last week and held another round this week, with about 1,000 doses total being distributed to employees based on age, health and student contact.

As more doses of the vaccine are made available, more employee vaccination clinics will be scheduled.

## Important Dates

**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](mailto:merb@woodcountyschools.wv.net) and everyone encouraged to download the WCS app for news and announcements.

