



WCS Newsletter

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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

Blended Learning: Week 3

The second semester of Wood County Schools began this past Monday and the school system will continue classes under a blended format next week.

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.

Wood County Schools will return to 5-day-a-week in-person classes Feb. 15. As of now, high school students are still under an executive order by the governor to use the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 map to determine if they will attend classes in person or remotely.

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.



**"The cure for boredom is curiosity.
There is no cure for curiosity."**

Ellen Parr



State COVID Vaccine Signup

West Virginians now have access to a COVID-19 vaccination pre-registration tool. West Virginia is the first state to deploy this new system through Everbridge, a global provider of critical event management technologies. The tool enables West Virginians to pre-register for COVID-19 vaccination and receive updates through text, phone and/or email. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) launched the new service Monday, January 25, 2021 on vaccinate.wv.gov.

Those who have already been placed on a waitlist through their local health department or other medical provider, as well as those who have already received their first vaccine dose, will be integrated into this new system and thus do not need to pre-register. The first week, the system will open for pre-registration. Moving forward, vaccination scheduling will also be available through the system. Scheduling will continue based on the state's overlapping phased approach for administering the limited vaccine supply.

Important Dates

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

Feb. 9 – Wood BOE meets.

Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 – All in-person classes resume.

School Counselors Week

National School Counselors Week runs Feb 1-5. The annual event is sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) and provides recognition for school counselors

The role of school counselors has changed dramatically in recent years with increased mental, emotional and physical needs among students. Counselors not only guide students educationally, but provide valuable counseling and outreach services, as well as create social and emotional connections with students and families.

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.

