



# WCS Newsletter

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## Need help with Schoology?

All schools, beginning Sept. 8 and running through Oct. 2, will have a help desk open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every weekday. Parents can call their school's main number to reach the help desk.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

**[Wood County Schools Website](#)**

**[Wood Schools Innovate](#)**

**[WV Dept of Ed Re-entry Map](#)**

## Changing Colors

Much like the leaves change their colors in autumn, the West Virginia COVID-19 map continues to change from green into yellow, orange and red, and this past week state officials added a new color: Gold.

Gold wedges snugly between Yellow and Orange, and carries with it some new requirements and restrictions, but still allows for the possibility of in-person instruction and sports events. State officials say the purpose of the new color is to get more students back to school. This past week 67,000 West Virginia students were unable to attend in-person classes as their school systems were marked Orange due to the rate of community spread of COVID-19. Officials said the Gold designation will allow school systems to continue in-person learning at their discretion with additional precautions.

A quick refresher and update on the state's color-coded system:

**RED** – All schools move to remote learning only, with no in-person classes. All sports and extracurricular activities are suspended.

**ORANGE** – Schools move to remote learning and most sports activities are suspended. Sports conditioning still allowed.

**GOLD** – Superintendents can decide whether to allow in-person classes, though limits are placed on assemblies and other gatherings. Sports events can still be played, but only with in-county teams or teams from other Gold counties.

**YELLOW** – In-person classes are allowed, as are sports and extracurricular activities, though additional steps should be taken to help stop the spread of COVID-19, such as masks and social distancing.

**GREEN** – School runs relatively normal with in-person classes and activities. Precautions should still be taken.

**"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



A summary of Wood County Schools instruction levels can be found [here](#). The district's re-entry plan can be found [here](#), and a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning COVID-19 precautions can be found [here](#).

**"Intelligence plus character – That is the goal of true education."**

**Martin Luther King Jr.**



## **Make the Most Of Remote Learning**

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Create and stick to a routine.
- Check Schoology and email daily.
- Charge your iPad.
- Schedule a regular break, like lunch or outside activity.
- Check the Wood County Schools App.

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## **Taking the Field**

This past week there were a few changes and clarifications which affect school sports. Those counties under a Gold designation can still play sports, but only within their county or with other Gold-designated counties.

The West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission or WVSSAC lifted some restrictions on who can attend games. Grandparents are now considered immediate family and allowed to attend, but only under Green or Yellow. Masks, social distancing and other precautions remain in place.

Under a Green, Yellow, or Gold designation, cheerleaders and bands are allowed to perform at games, but again are expected to take appropriate precautions, such as social distancing.

## **The Week Ahead**

Wood County Schools will continue on its blended learning format the week of Sept. 21. Students with last names beginning A-K will attend in-person classes Monday and Wednesday. Those with last names beginning L-Z will attend in-person classes Tuesday and Thursday. Friday is a remote learning day for all students.



*Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at [merb@woodcountyschoolswv.net](mailto: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.*