WCS Newsletter

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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

A New Phase for Re-entry

Last month the Wood County Board of Education approved a revised school re-entry plan which gives parents choices in how their students attend classes.

Parents can choose to have their children attend in-person classes at their school four days a week, with Friday being a remote learning day for all students. Or, parents can choose to have their children do remote learning five days a week. For parents with students in elementary school, there also is the option of enrolling in the West Virginia Learns virtual school, which is facilitated through Wood County Schools and with local teachers for grades K-5.

These options will be phased in throughout the month of November, with elementary schools beginning Nov. 9, middle schools beginning Nov. 16, and high schools beginning Nov. 30. Parents choosing remote learning or virtual should contact their child's home school.

During this time of transition Wood County Schools will still follow all CDC guidelines as well as state and local health department requirements. We will still monitor the state's daily infection rate map, as well as the West Virginia Department of Education's Saturday COVID-19 map.
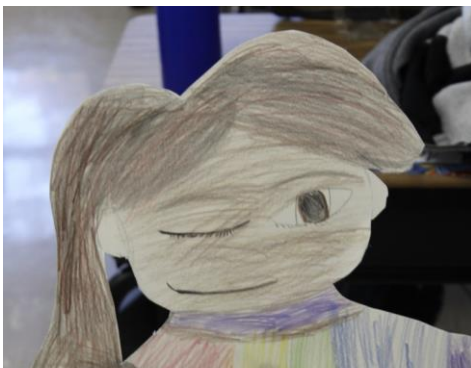
The re-entry plan approved by the Wood County Board of Education is designed to give parents options and students the chance to learn in whichever setting is best for them. We ask all of our stakeholders: parents, students, teachers, staff, and community members to be patient as we navigate this unusual school year.

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.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Wood County Schools Website

iPad/Schoology Support

WV Dept. of Ed Re-entry Map

Important Dates

Nov. 10 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day (NS)

Nov. 23-27 – Fall Break (NS)

Nov. 24 – Wood BOE Meeting

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving

Dec. 8 – Wood BOE Meeting

Dec. 22 – Wood BOE Meeting

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Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard

Wood County Schools has created an online dashboard to report confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The page can be accessed at www.woodcountyschoolswv.com by clicking on Menu: COVID 19 Information: COVID Dashboard, or through the direct link https://tinyurl.com/y2zf9q4u.

The page features a spreadsheet of Wood County schools and facilities. The number of positive COVID-19 cases will be listed next to each school as well as the date it was posted. The list will be reset each week.

The response by Wood County Schools and the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department to COVID cases will not change. Schools families will be notified of positive cases, as will any individuals who may be asked to quarantine.

However, the district will not be posting individual press releases for each case, but instead encourages everyone to check the page regularly.

"We believe the website will allow us to quickly reach community members at one location rather than sharing the same information repeatedly through different venues," said Superintendent Will Hosaflook. "We will continue to monitor and respond to COVID-19 cases when they come up and will update information as soon as it becomes available."

Do you have feedback on the parent newsletter? Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to the Wood County Schools Communications Department at 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.