




In-person Instruction

GREEN

Minimal Community Transmission


3 OR FEWER CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

- » Continue best health practices to prevent the spread of disease as outlined in the WVDE Re-entry Toolkit.
- » Require face coverings*  for grades 3 and above on buses and in congregant settings (outside of core groups) where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- » Limit activities where social distancing is not feasible.
- » Engage community to actively participate in continued mitigation.

YELLOW

Increased Community Transmission


3.1-9.9 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

- » Require face coverings for  grades 3-5 on buses and in congregant settings (outside of core groups) where social distancing cannot be maintained. Require face coverings for grades 6 and above at all times.
- » Increase student cohorting by limiting exposure outside of core groups.
- » No assemblies or activities where social distancing is not feasible.
- » Local education leaders work with county health officials to determine if increased mitigation and community engagement activities are necessary to prevent escalation of disease.

ORANGE

Heightened Community Transmission

10-24.9 CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

- » Require face coverings for  grades 3 and above at all times.
- » No assemblies or large group activities.
- » Local county education leaders will work collaboratively with local health departments to implement aggressive mitigation measures both in schools and in communities.

RED

Substantial Community Transmission

25+ CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE

- » Suspend in-person instruction and all school-related activities until yellow level is maintained on a seven-day rolling basis.
- » Activate remote learning the next school day.
- » Staff continues essential student support services including meals, student engagement and special education services.



Athletic & Extracurricular Activity Guidance

- » Athletic and extra-curricular activities permit immediate household family members only.
- » According to WVSSAC guidelines cheerleaders and bands may participate at home games.

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- » Athletic and extracurricular activities limited to controlled practices/activities only.

- » All school-related athletic and extracurricular activities are suspended immediately until yellow level is obtained on the Saturday update map.

Counties that are in remote learning mode are not permitted to engage in extracurricular activities (contests or practices) until in-person instruction commences or resumes.

***This guidance reinforces face coverings unless they aggravate existing health conditions.**

If COVID-19 levels increase steadily within color bands according to WV DHHR data, counties should consider increased protocols beyond these requirements.

The protocols set forth in this document will be in effect so long as the state as a whole remains below a 5% positivity rate based on a seven-day rolling basis.

SCHOOL RE-ENTRY METRICS

Frequently Asked Questions



All school-related activities are directed by the map posted at wvde.us/reentrymetrics.

PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Why is Saturday, August 29, 2020, an important date?

Every Saturday, the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) updates a color-coded map at wvde.us/reentrymetrics. The color of the county on this Saturday map will guide the level of athletic and extracurricular activities permitted for the following week (August 30 – September 5).

Counties in green and yellow are permitted to hold competitions the week of August 30th. Counties in orange may hold practices but may not compete. These rules would be in effect until Saturday, September 5th.

Why is Saturday, September 5, 2020, an important date?

Counties in green and yellow are permitted to begin in-person instruction on September 8, 2020, as planned. Counties that are orange or red will activate remote learning on September 8th. This means students will not participate in in-person instruction and staff will provide essential student support services including meals, student engagement and special education services. Red and orange counties will remain in remote learning mode until they turn yellow or green on the Saturday update of the wvde.us/reentrymetrics map.

AFTER SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Once the school year starts, how does the color-coded map affect academics?

Every Saturday at 9:00 p.m., the color-coded map at wvde.us/reentrymetrics will be updated. Counties that are green, yellow and orange will proceed and go to school as planned the upcoming week. Counties that are red will activate remote learning and staff will continue essential student support services including meals, student engagement and special education services.

Once the school year starts, how does the color-coded map affect extracurricular and athletic activities?

Counties that are green or yellow will proceed with practices and competitions as permitted under WVDE, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR) and West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC) guidelines. In counties that are orange, practices are allowed but not competitions. In counties that are red, all activities are suspended including practices and competitions.

What if my county's color changes during the course of the week?

The WVDE's map, located at wvde.us/reentrymetrics, is updated each Saturday. This map will only change during the week if a county turns red under the WVDHHR County Alert System. Red will be maintained until the following Saturday when the WVDE map will be updated.

All in-person instruction will be suspended beginning the next school day and athletic activities will be suspended immediately. Staff will continue essential student support services including meals, student engagement and special education services.

If my county is red, when can in-person classes and athletics resume?

Counties in red can resume normal activities once the Saturday map at wvde.us/reentrymetrics is green or yellow.