

Update: DHHR Color-Coding System:

As we work together to ensure a successful Back to School experience, please review the following information. Hampshire County will be following the DHHR Color-Coding System as recommended for guidance related to wearing of masks. This system is based on the new COVID-19 cases per day and is reviewed and updated daily.

If we are Green, masks will be required for 3rd grade and up on bus, during transitions and at times when it may be difficult to maintain Social Distancing. If we are Yellow require face covering in grades 3-5 on buses and in congregant settings (outside of core groups) where social distancing cannot be maintained. Required face coverings for grades 6 and above at all times. If Orange, required face coverings for grades 3 and above at all times. If our county is Red, suspend all in school instruction and all school related activities. Information will be sent from our Superintendent to Principals and then to staff and parents. Schools have additional screenings set up for staff and students. There is also additional signage and hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings. Visitors will be limited as we are working hard to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Please have updated contact information at your child's school.

Send any updates from you or a medical provider to your child's school or School Nurse via e-mail, phone or fax. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work together for all our staff and students.

Current County Alert System- <http://dhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

County Alert System: Daily Cases per 100K (rolling average)



We are excited to Welcome back our students and staff for the 2020 2021 School Year. We have and will continue to work daily to provide updated information and guidance as we all navigate our "new normal". Our goal is always to provide education and guidance to students so that they can make healthy choices affecting their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to work with your children. May we all work together to make each day Count!

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Health and Wellness Information

Parents/Guardians and students, as we all work together to ensure we have a successful Back to School experience, please review the following:

- Students with parent assistance (elementary and middle) will complete a Wellness Screen daily at home. High School students will complete at school.
- Staff will also complete a Wellness Screen daily.
- Students that are feeling ill, should stay home and complete assignments virtually as able.
- Students that develop symptoms at school may be kept in his/her class or escorted to a designated area until a parent, guardian or designated adult can pick them up.
- If a student is sent home with symptoms, it is likely medical follow-up will be recommended and a note from provider needed prior to his/her return.
- If a child is diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, their symptoms, or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, the child should not be at school and should stay at home until they meet the following criteria:
 - It has been at least 10 days since the child first had symptoms OR student has been released by medical provide AND
 - It has been at least 24 hours since the child had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine) and symptoms have improved.
- If a child has a negative COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without using fever reducing medicines and they have felt well for 24 hours.
- If a child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school for the next 10 days, assuming they have not developed symptoms since that test.
- If a child has been determined(by the Health Dept.) to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 2 full weeks since the last known contact, unless they test positive. If positive, the criteria above would apply.
- They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine, even if they test negative.
- Anyone with positive COVID-19 test will need to be cleared by medical provider/ Health Dept., prior to returning to school.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to keep our students and staff healthy and safe.