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West Virginia Department of Education Releases Sept. 26, 2020, Education Map Update

The School Alert System: Saturday Education map was updated at 9:30 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 2020. Upon further review by the Data Review Panel, it was determined that Marshall County should be changed from gold to yellow to better reflect the number of cases.

Charleston, W.Va. –The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has posted the September 26, 2020, School Alert System: Saturday Education Map update. This map, guided by information from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and vetted by the COVID-19 Data Review Panel, determines which counties will hold in-person and blended instruction, and it will direct the level of extracurricular activities permitted.

The weekly updates are posted at <https://wvde.us/reentrymetrics>. County plans should be reviewed for additional requirements.

Red (Substantial Community Transmission): Counties must move to remote learning. No extracurricular competitions or practices are permitted. Staff may report to their schools, as determined by the county. Essential support services, including special education and meals, will continue.

Red counties include:



No counties are in the red category at this time.

Orange (Heightened Community Transmission): Remote learning required. Extracurricular activities are limited to conditioning only and sport-specific practicing is not permitted. Marching band is limited to outdoors only. Staff may report to their schools, as determined by the county. Essential support services, including special education and meals, will continue.

Orange counties include:

Kanawha Wayne

Gold (Elevated Community Transmission): In-person instruction permitted with increased mitigations including face coverings for children grades 3 and above at all times. Extracurricular activities are permitted in-county (with schools from the same county) and with other gold counties.

Gold counties include:

Fayette Logan Mingo Summers

Yellow (Increased Community Transmission): Counties will continue with in-person instruction. Extracurricular practices and competitions may occur. Health and safety precautions include, at a minimum, face coverings at all times for grades 6 and above.

Yellow counties include:

Berkeley Boone Doddridge Jackson
Marshall Mineral Morgan Putnam
Wirt Wyoming

Green (Minimal Community Transmission): Extracurricular practices and competitions may occur. Health and safety precautions include, at a minimum, face coverings in grades 3 and above when students are outside of core groups and in congregant settings and on school buses.

Green counties include:

Barbour	Braxton	Brooke	Cabell
Calhoun	Clay	Gilmer	Grant
Greenbrier	Hampshire	Hancock	Hardy
Harrison	Jefferson	Lewis	Lincoln
Marion	Mason	McDowell	Mercer
Monongalia	Monroe	Nicholas	Ohio
Pendleton	Pleasants	Pocahontas	Preston
Raleigh	Randolph	Ritchie	Roane
Taylor	Tucker	Tyler	Upshur
Webster	Wetzel	Wood	

The COVID-19 Data Review Panel reviewed and verified the data used to inform the WVDE Saturday Education Map to ensure both accuracy and reliability. The panel considered data captured at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2020. As a result, there may be differences between the WVDE map and the DHHR County Alert Map.

The county color announced each Saturday at 5 p.m. will be in effect until the following Saturday at the same time with the exception of a county turning red during the course of the week. That change would be made immediately to the WVDE map because all in-person instruction and extracurricular and athletic activities would be suspended.

All schools, both public and private, are expected to adhere to the WVDE School Alert System map to guide in-person instruction and extracurricular activities.

For information about the data that guides the color-coded map or the Data Review Panel, please contact the DHHR at DHHRCommunications@wv.gov.

For additional details, contact WVDE Director of Communications Christy Day at Christy.Day@k12.wv.us, 304-558-2699 (office) or 681-319-5206 (cell).

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