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# West Virginia Department of Education Releases Dec. 5th Saturday Education Map

**Charleston, W.Va.** –The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) has posted the Dec. 5, 2020, Saturday Education Map that determines which counties will hold in-person and blended instruction and directs the level of extracurricular activities permitted. The map is developed with information from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) and vetted by the COVID-19 Data Review Panel.

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:

Barbour	Berkeley	Grant	Hancock
Marshall	Mason	Mineral	Ohio
Wayne	Wirt	Wood	Wyoming

**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:



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**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:**

Calhoun	Clay	Doddridge	Fayette
Harrison	Jackson	Kanawha	Mingo
Pleasants	Roane		

**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 3 and above.

**Yellow counties include:**

Lincoln	Logan	Marion	McDowell
Monongalia	Monroe	Raleigh	Taylor

**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 on school buses and when inside of school facilities.

**Green counties include:**

Braxton	Gilmer	Greenbrier	Lewis
Mercer	Pendleton	Randolph	Summers
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The county color announced each Saturday will be in effect until the following Saturday with the exception of a county turning red during the course of the week. Once reviewed, that change may be made immediately to the WVDE map because all in-person instruction and extracurricular and athletic activities would be suspended. Counties that voluntarily move into remote learning during the week (without being given the red designation by the DHHR or the Data Review Panel) will be identified with red asterisks on the map.

All schools, both public and private, are expected to adhere to the WVDE Saturday Education 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](mailto:DHHRCommunications@wv.gov).

For additional details, contact WVDE Director of Communications Christy Day at [Christy.Day@k12.wv.us](mailto:Christy.Day@k12.wv.us) or 304-558-2699 (office).

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