

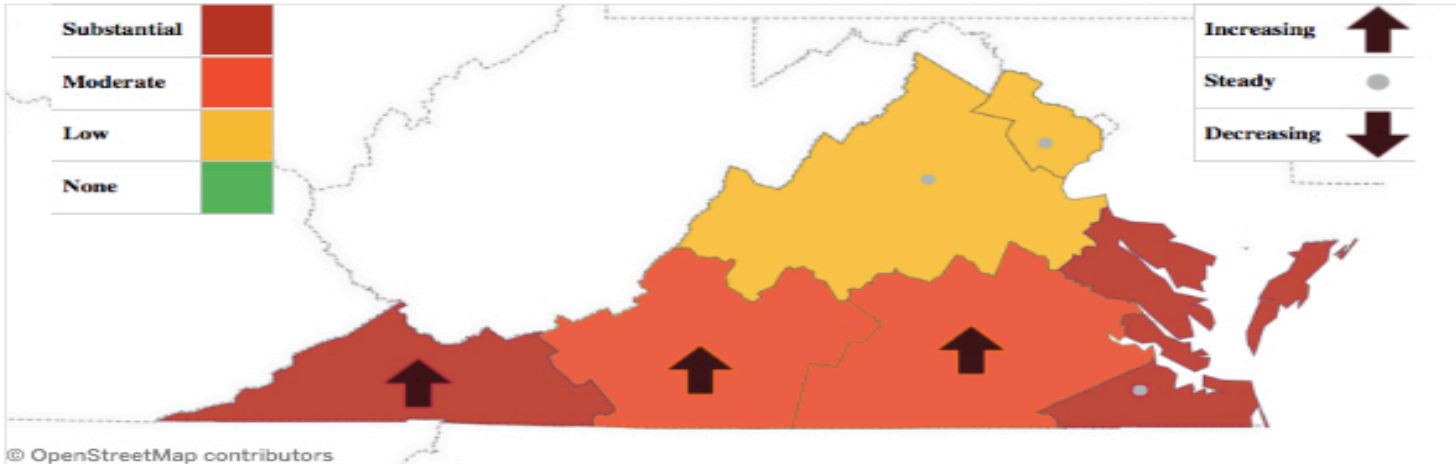


Recommended Updates to the 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan

August 11, 2020

CURRENT PANDEMIC STATUS

Transmission Extent by Region



Burden and Trend by Region

Region	Burden	Trend	Transmission Extent
Central	Moderate Burden	Increasing (Upward Arrow)	Approaching Substantial Community Transmission
Eastern	High Burden	Steady (Dot)	At Substantial Community Transmission
Far Southwest	High Burden	Increasing (Upward Arrow)	At Substantial Community Transmission
Near Southwest	Moderate Burden	Increasing (Upward Arrow)	Approaching Substantial Community Transmission
Northern	Low Burden	Steady (Dot)	At Low Community Transmission
Northwest	Low Burden	Steady (Dot)	At Low Community Transmission

Changing Dynamics Related to COVID-19

- ▶ Approximately 40% of our students have enrolled in the totally remote instruction option.
- ▶ The Central Shenandoah Health District Director supports the use of cloth masks in all school settings for students (age 2 and above), faculty, and staff.
- ▶ Mandatory mask use leads to increased numbers of students choosing the totally remote instruction option (likely to exceed 50%).



Changing Dynamics Related to COVID-19

- ▶ Teachers are challenged with teaching by two different methods - hybrid and totally remote. With totally remote student numbers increasing daily, more focus and resources must be devoted to remote learners.
- ▶ Many of the faculty and staff have expressed concern and anxiety about their health and safety and that of their families.



Changing Dynamics Related to COVID-19

- ▶ The school division does not have the necessary personnel to provide consistent instruction and student support when employees are quarantined.
- ▶ There are models from the University of Virginia indicating the potential for a surge of COVID-19 cases in late August and September. A link to the models are found at: <https://nssac.bii.virginia.edu/covid-19/vmrddash/>



Recommended Modifications to our Reopening Plan

- ▶ The current plan of reopening on August 18, 2020 with both hybrid and totally virtual instruction is not feasible based on the changing dynamics. The following recommendation is made for School Board consideration:
 - ▶ The 2020-2021 school year will open with totally remote instruction for all students for the first semester.
 - ▶ The 2020-2021 school year will begin with totally remote instruction on Monday, August 31, 2020.



Recommended Modifications to our Reopening Plan

- ▶ Totally remote instruction is online, virtual, and packet instruction.
 - ▶ Instruction is provided by instructional staff in Waynesboro.
 - ▶ Internet ready devices and/or wireless hotspots will be provided for students who need devices or Internet access.
- ▶ The school division will work with community partners to develop additional childcare options for families.



Instructional Considerations

- ▶ The school division is focusing all of our resources on totally remote instruction so it is high-quality and beneficial to our students.
- ▶ Through guidance from the Virginia Department of Education, Waynesboro instructional staff have been involved in professional development opportunities to understand our learning management system, called CANVAS.



Instructional Considerations

- ▶ CANVAS allows teachers to utilize resources from a variety of sources, including:
 - ▶ Teacher-made resources;
 - ▶ Virtual Virginia resources; and
 - ▶ The Comprehensive Instructional Programs Database.



Instructional Considerations

- ▶ Remote instruction will be provided five days a week following guidelines provided by the Virginia Department of Education. Guidance is provided around topics such as:
 - ▶ Appropriate learning time per day and maximum learning time per week for different grade levels.
 - ▶ Synchronous learning and asynchronous learning
 - ▶ Task-based learning and project-based learning



Expectations for Remote Learners

- ▶ Students will have required and graded assignments.
- ▶ Instruction will be provided by Waynesboro educators and will be aligned with Virginia Standards of Learning.
- ▶ All course offerings will be available through remote instruction.
- ▶ Canvas Learning Management System will serve as the learning platform.



Supporting Families

- ▶ Meal distribution will continue with breakfast and lunch provided free for all students.
- ▶ School leaders and teachers are aware that there are groups of children who are more vulnerable to learning challenges using a remote learning model.
- ▶ The school division is exploring options which support our youngest and most vulnerable learners. These learners include students with disabilities, English Language Learners, and students experiencing homelessness.



Considerations for Employees

- ▶ All employees will report to their assigned work location. Their job description may look different based on the needs of the school division.
- ▶ Instructional staff who choose to work directly with students will work with the youngest students (Pre-K, K, etc.) and with special populations of students.



Community Support

- ▶ Our community, like the rest of the world, is in the middle of a pandemic for which there are few answers and many difficult decisions. The school division's goal, as always, is to support our community in the best way possible.
- ▶ As a community, we must work together to provide the best options for our youth and assure their educational needs are met to the best of our abilities.



Community Support

- ▶ All of us want students back in school where a quality educational program can be offered in a safe environment.
- ▶ Thank you for your patience and understanding as our plan changes due to changing dynamics.



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