



# Washington County Schools

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## 2020-2021 Washington County Schools Color Tier System

“Designed for fluid, uninterrupted instruction and to minimize illness outbreaks.”

Classroom, grade level and school closures will be decided using the following COVID-19 Tiers:		
	<b>Green tier:</b> No county cases	No COVID-19 cases in the county. School will proceed following Green Tier recommendations.
	<b>Yellow tier:</b> Cases within the county, but none in the school	County has 1 or more cases but zero cases at school. School will proceed following Yellow Tier recommendations.
	<b>Orange tier:</b> Substantial cases in the county and/or a case in the classroom, grade level or school	County has several cases and there are cases in classroom, grade level, or school. School will proceed following Orange Tier recommendations.
	<b>Red tier:</b> Substantial cases in the county and in the school	County has several cases and there are several cases in a classroom, grade level, or school. School will consider extended NTI for that class, grade level, or school.

Green Tier Recommendations	
Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene practices.	Intensify cleaning efforts.
All students (grades 1st-12th) and staff, including bus drivers and aids, will wear a mask when within a 6-foot area of others.	Buses: Seats will be assigned. Parents will take their child’s temperature before they get on the bus. If a student has a temperature of 100.4 or above the parent will keep their child at home.
All staff and students will get their temperatures checked before or immediately upon entering the building.	Buses: All students should sit with family members.
Require students and staff to stay home if feeling ill.	Students with temperatures of 100.4 or above will be sent home.

Yellow Tier Recommendations	
In person field trips will be canceled and may be offered virtually, cancel assemblies, and other large gatherings.	Avoid gathering students in common areas.
Athletic events may continue but a limited number of fans are allowed and wearing a mask is recommended.	It is encouraged that students eat lunch and breakfast in their classrooms rather than mixing in the cafeteria.
Modify special classes where students are likely to be in very close contact.	Reduce congestion in the health office. For example, use the health office for children with flu-like symptoms and a satellite location for first aid or medication distribution.
Cancel nonessential visitors.	May suspend the use of lockers for middle and high school.

Orange Tier Recommendations	
Utilize masks to limit the spread of viruses. ALL students and staff will wear masks at all times.	Clean the classroom and utilize contact tracing to identify any other people/areas the student was in contact with while at school
Close the classroom. To avoid closing the entire school when one student is tested positive for COVID-19, consider only sending home the rest of the students in the classroom in which there was a positive test. During quarantine, students may be provided with virtual or printed instruction.	

Red Tier Recommendations
Consider extended classroom, grade level and/or school building closures. In collaboration with local health officials, implement extended school dismissals. During the extended school dismissals, extracurricular group activities, school-based after school programs, and large events (field trips and sporting events) will be cancelled. NTI will be used. Efforts will be made to continue meal service.

Types of intermittent closures for classrooms, grade levels and school where Remote Learning takes place:		
<i>NOTE: There may be times where a class or grade level is in a different tier than the rest of the school. For example, school is Green Tier but 2-3 students in Mrs. Smith's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class show symptoms (high fever, etc.). That class would be moved immediately to Red Tier and begin NTI.</i>		
<b>Short-term (1-2 days)</b>	<b>Mid-term (3-10 days)</b>	<b>Long-term closures (11+ days)</b>

\*\*\*\*The Washington County District Website will have information regarding the district's current Tier when school begins. This will be updated as necessary.

\*\*\*\*Students who cannot wear masks due to health or safety conditions will be reviewed on an individual basis.