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MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

January 8, 2021

Dear Madison County Public Schools Parents/Guardians:

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic in our schools and community. Our school division is informing parents and guardians that numerous members of our school community are currently in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19 exposure or awaiting test results. COVID-19 cases are increasing within our community and region which creates an increased burden on hospitals in our area. In consultation with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Health District and local government, we have determined it is best for the safety and health of our staff members, students, and community to move to 100% virtual/distance learning for a period of time.

Our school division will **move to 100% virtual/distance learning** until at least Friday, January 22, 2021. Monday, January 11, 2021, will be a teacher workday and a catch-up day for all students--students do not report to school. We will begin 100% virtual/distance learning on Tuesday, January 12. You will receive more information from your child's school and individual teachers. As we get closer to Friday, January 22, 2021, we will provide you with more information regarding our status on the return to in-person instruction.

A decision regarding the status of athletic practices and competitions will be made at the school board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

The Boys and Girls Club will remain open during this time. Club members may call Kimberly and Bobby at the Club for more information.

Food distribution will continue on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm at Waverly Yowell Elementary School on a first come first serve basis.

Madison Primary School
158 Primary School Drive
Madison, VA 22727
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Waverly Yowell Elementary School
1809 North Main Street
Madison, VA 22727
540-948-4511

William Wetsel Middle School
186 Mountaineer Lane
Madison, VA 22727
540-948-3783

Madison County High School
68 Mountaineer Lane
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Parents should continue to monitor their child’s health and the health of their families for [COVID-19 symptoms](#). Children with COVID-19 generally have mild, cold-like symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported in some children.

Children with certain underlying medical conditions, such as chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, or weak immune systems, might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Contact your child's healthcare provider regarding any concerns.

People without symptoms do not need to seek care or be tested. Those who become ill should contact their healthcare provider. Their doctor, in consultation with public health officials, will determine appropriate care and whether testing is necessary. If your child has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, please report this to your school. This information will be kept confidential.

Parents and family members can assist this effort by promoting healthy behaviors and following these practices:

- Stay home from school or work if sick, even if symptoms are mild.
- Wear a face covering in areas where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue (or sleeve), and then throw the tissue in the trash. Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are often touched.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Take care of your health overall. Stay current on your vaccinations, including the flu vaccine, eat well, and exercise to help your body stay resilient.

The [Virginia Department of Health](#) provides information about COVID-19 and [frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)](#) from parents and concerned family members. The CDC offers [tips](#) to keep children healthy during this time. The Virginia Department of Education’s produced [COVID-19: A Parent Guide for School Age Children](#) and provides additional considerations for [students with disabilities](#) and [social-emotional wellness for parents and caregivers](#).

Sincerely,

Anna Graham