

# Public School Re-entry Options for Families



State and local school officials are working with Governor Jim Justice to re-open schools in the safest way possible on September 8, 2020. While all efforts are being made to protect students, educators and staff, many families may not want to send their children back into actual school buildings. That is why it is very important to offer West Virginia families virtual public school opportunities and choices for the upcoming academic year.

## **Option 1** **In-person/Blended Instruction**



This option allows in-person attendance at the school for a set number of days. Counties will decide what the school day and school week look like. Some counties will be in school five days each week while other county plans will opt for reduced days or hours for students in order to increase cleaning and sanitation and reduce exposure. On the days that students are not in school, learning will continue at home.



## **Remote Learning**

Remote learning will occur for students participating in the in-person/blended option if the Governor determines it is necessary to close a school or county temporarily due to increases in COVID-19 cases impacting the school community. Schools cannot activate remote learning. This instructional model requires that all students remain engaged in learning and instruction at home using a range of tools and resources from basic materials to online applications.

or

## **Option 2** **Virtual Learning**



Every county must offer a full-time virtual learning option for students. These students will still be considered public school students. Families who choose this option, would enroll their children in a virtual learning program and that child would ideally remain there at least for a semester.

The available virtual learning options are not the same as what families experienced at the end of last school year. Instruction will be provided using a West Virginia-certified teacher and families can expect the same instructional quality and rigor for their virtual school student as would otherwise be provided in a traditional classroom setting (including, in many cases, daily live virtual interaction with the teacher). In the event of an ordered school closure, virtual learning will continue unaffected.

For more information about the virtual learning options available for your student, please contact your local county board of education.

# Education Options for School-Age Children



West Virginia state law requires that all children that have attained the age of six prior to September 1 receive educational instruction in some capacity. To satisfy this requirement, families have the following options:

