

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Dear NCPS Families:

NCPS has been approved by the **Virginia Department of Health (VDH)**, the **Northumberland Department of Health**, and the **Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)** to hold **in-person summer learning for elementary and select high school students**, starting on July 13, 2020. Students and staff will be required to wear a face covering at times when physical distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. We also will offer **virtual summer learning for middle school students** beginning July 13, 2020.

NCPS is committed to our **core focus of teaching and learning and also to the overall health and wellness of our students and employees**. As we reopen for in person summer learning for students in first grade through fifth grade, we will continue to follow guidance from the VDH, the VDOE, and the Department of Labor and Industry Emergency Regulations in relation to COVID-19. We received approval from the VDOE, our insurance carrier, and the Northumberland Department of Health regarding the required school division [Health and Mitigation Plan](#).

To prepare for in-person and virtual summer learning, NCPS staff have been diligently working to ensure that the learning areas maintain a clean and safe environment. Our custodial staff will be cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting our schools on a daily basis, including cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting frequently touched areas. Teachers and staff will be prioritizing the health and safety of students. Additionally, several practices will be followed during in-person summer school to prevent the spread of infections:

- Daily health and temperature checks of students and staff
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use of sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Staying home when you are sick. If running a fever, stay home until the fever has been gone for at least 24-hours, without taking fever-reducing medicine.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Wearing a face covering when a physical distance of six feet cannot be maintained

Additional information regarding COVID-19 can be found on the websites of the Virginia Department of Health (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus>) and Centers for Disease Control (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>).

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and/or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Holly Wargo, Superintendent
Northumberland County Public Schools