

Chesapeake Public Schools

RESPONSIVE RETURN



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Hello, this is Jared Cotton, Superintendent of Chesapeake Public Schools with an important message.

As we wrap up our second week back to learning, I want to again thank our teachers, staff, students, parents and community for their continued support. Back to school certainly looked different this year, but our mission remains the same and our hard-working staff members continue to make me proud.

We started to bring small groups of students back to on-campus learning this week and we are excited to welcome more of our **option one** students back to campus on Monday. It's nice to see our buses on the road again and the excitement fill the air as our students walk through the door once again.

Next week, all **option one** kindergarten and preschool students, as well as certain **option one** special education students will be returning to on-campus, and we have some important reminders for these families who will be sending their children to school.

First, students who will be riding the bus will need to know a very important number... their **route number**. This year, we will be using **route numbers** instead of bus numbers to help streamline our bus service. You can locate your child's bus route number and bus stop information by clicking the yellow bus on our website at cpschools.com. Some stops have changed this year, so please take time to review this information carefully.

Second, don't forget to wear your mask. Masks are an important mitigation measure to help stop the spread of illness in our community, so they are **required** for bus-riders and for **all** who enter our buildings. If your child is unable to wear a mask, we encourage you to talk with your primary care physician to determine the best way to ensure they are protected.

It's also important to complete the digital health screening for your child in ParentVUE each morning before they head off to school to confirm your child is **well** and ready for on-campus learning. We appreciate you taking this extra step to help us keep our students and staff safe. Check your child's school website for more details about the health and safety measures we have in place.

As a reminder, our **option two** students will continue learning from home through at least the end of the first semester and will not be required to complete a daily screening.

Finally, several members of our school community have requested specific details about any possible cases of COVID-19 in our schools. While we cannot share personally identifiable information, we remain committed to transparent practices. So, today we added a new report to our metrics page that will be updated weekly. Under new case data, you will find the total number of newly reported positive test results for students and staff each week. Visit our website for more information about our Communications Plan.

Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to navigate these changes together.

Have a great night.