



## **27 July 2020 – For Immediate Release**

### **Washington County Schools will be on a virtual schedule beginning August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.**

All students grades K-12 will be contacted by their schools on August 3<sup>rd</sup> or as soon thereafter as we possibly can.

Parents may immediately contact their schools to discuss their home technology needs. Washington County Schools can provide a computer on a loan basis to any student that needs one.

Teachers will be at school every day that school is open to provide learning resources and to interact with students virtually. Students should understand that a virtual schedule is not a school closure. All students will be held accountable for their school work and should set aside time every day equivalent to the time they would spend at school. Attendance verification from each student will be required every school day.

The action is being taken because of the high COVID-19 infection rate in our county and region. We plan to remain on a virtual schedule for thirty calendar days, but will watch the infection rate and respond accordingly should it fall into an acceptable range according to our established reopening plan. All decisions will be in coordination with regional health authorities.

Washington County Schools encourages all residents to continue those practices that will drive down the infection rate. Wear masks, wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing at all times!