

# Coweta County School System



COVID-19 Update



July 30, 2020



# 2020-2021 Re-entry Discussion

# What does the data say?

## March (April - May)

# cases - 3  
# hospitalizations -  
# deaths - 2

## June

# cases - 469  
# hospitalizations - 53  
# deaths - 12

Data pulled on June 8th

Instructional Model



Crisis Teaching



Gathered input from  
parents and staff

**Minimal to Moderate  
Spread**

Two Options



Face to face



Online - Empower  
Program

- March 12th - Governor Kemp's Executive Order closed schools
- All instruction was delivered online.
- April 1st - Governor Kemp's Executive order closed schools for the remainder of the year
- Planning began to prepare for 2020-21 school year.

# Planning Priorities



1. Multiple contingencies to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of students, staff and visitors.
2. Operational and instructional protocols in a COVID-19 world.
3. Curriculum and scheduling.
4. Addition of K-3 Chromebooks, hotspots, wifi boosters.
5. Personalized individual needs of students and staff members.
6. Professional learning in a variety of topics including trauma-informed school practitioners credentialing.
7. Digital lesson plans for nine weeks of instruction for a variety of contingencies, including the Empower online option.

# Return to School Planning Document

Topics researched and considered:

- PPE
- Daily random temperature checks
- Daily staff health screening.
- Face coverings
- Cafeteria protocols
- Transportation protocols
- Social Distancing
- Cleaning and sanitizing
- Responding to staff and student COVID-19 exposure
- Creating a decision tree - Isolation rooms/protocols
- Athletics/Extracurricular



# Health and Safety for Students and Staff



## Protective Gear (PPE)

Cloth Face Coverings	Two per employee One per student
Disposable Masks	Available at all schools and facilities
Face Shields	Provide one for each employee

# Other Safety Equipment and Supplies

Temporal Thermometers	Minimum of 4 for elementary, 5 for middle and 10 for high 1 for each Special Education Self-Contained Classroom
Plexiglass Shields- Free standing counter shields are being provided to schools as necessary	All locations
Plexiglass Screens for Temperature Stations	175 have been procured for use at all CCSS schools.
Hand-sanitizing stations	Over 500 for the district (distributed based on size of school)
Cleaning supplies	Wipes, personal hand sanitizers, medical grade gloves, spray bottles, medical grade disinfectant A456 (available in schools and on buses)



# More data to inform our decisions

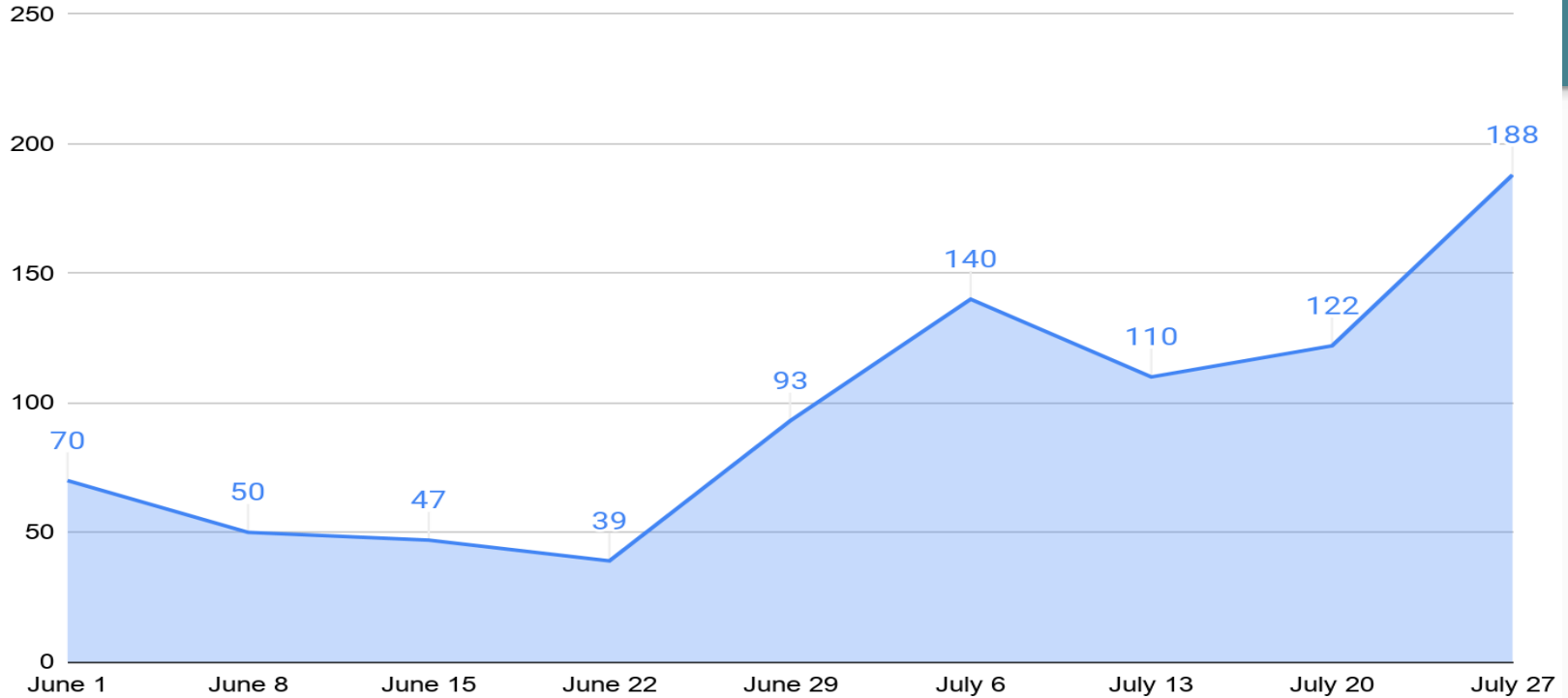
## [DPH Model Data](#)



Coweta County is currently in the substantial uncontrolled community transmission category according to Department of Public Health data. Substantial uncontrolled community transmission is defined as “greater than 100 cases per 100,000 residents”. On June 29th Coweta was still in the Moderate High community transmission category with 93 cases. On Monday, July 27th Coweta’s number of cases per 100,000 residents was 188 cases.



# LISTENING TO THE DATA



# CDC Guidelines 7/23/20

“If there is [substantial, uncontrolled](#) transmission, schools should work closely with local health officials to make decisions on whether to maintain school operations. The health, safety, and wellbeing of students, teachers, staff and their families is the most important consideration in determining whether school closure is a necessary step. Communities can support schools staying open by implementing strategies that decrease a community’s level of transmission. However, if community transmission levels cannot be decreased, school closure is an important consideration. Plans for virtual learning should be in place in the event of a school closure.”

# STARTING THE SCHOOL YEAR



- The Superintendent recommends that the Coweta County School System start the 2020-2021 school year with virtual/remote instruction for all students through at least September 4, 2020. Public Health data and conditions will be reassessed by the Superintendent in late August to determine if it is safe to resume face to face instruction for students on September 8, 2020.
- In the event that conditions allow, a hybrid option may be considered for implementation at that time so that face to face instruction can safely resume.
- Teachers and employees will report to work on their regularly scheduled reporting date.

# PHASED RE-ENTRY PLAN

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Online - Empower  
Program

Listened to stakeholders  
and adjusted plans

## July

# cases - 1207  
# hospitalizations - 82  
# deaths - 17

Data pulled on July 28th

**Substantial Uncontrolled  
Transmission**

All Online



**Seamless  
Option**



# Phased Approach

## COWETA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM TIMELINE APPROACH

July 27 - July 30	Analysis of data, continued communication with health agencies (Data indicates mid-August peak)
July 30	Date of re-assessment
July 31	Re-open <a href="#">Empower Registration</a>
Aug. 3 - 12	Teachers and Staff report to buildings
Aug. 13	Students begin virtually - all students will utilize the Empower model
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3	<p><b>1</b> First health data checkpoint Parents <a href="#">complete form</a> if choosing to remain in Empower virtual learning</p>
Sept. 8 - Oct. 7	<p>Implement face-to-face model if data allows Students will participate in either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empower</li> <li>Face to face, or hybrid (if necessary based on data) (A-K in school) (L-Z virtual) (weeks will alternate)</li> </ul>
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	<p><b>2</b> Second health data checkpoint Parents complete form if choosing to remain in or change to Empower virtual learning</p>
Oct. 8 - Nov. 10	Empower, Face-to-face/hybrid instruction occurs
Nov. 2 - 5	<p><b>3</b> Third data checkpoint Parents complete form if choosing to remain on or change to Empower virtual learning</p>
Nov. 11 - Dec. 18	Instruction continues based on parent choice
<b>SECOND SEMESTER OPTIONS REVIEWED AND MADE AVAILABLE</b>	

# What will online instruction look like?

- Students will be able to take the courses that they were scheduled for as if they were in a face-to-face model.
- Students will be assigned to a Coweta classroom teacher that teaches at their assigned school.
- Students will remain connected to their base schools.
- A student's daily schedule will resemble the schedule that they would follow when they return to face-to-face instruction. Students will receive direct instruction which will also be recorded for viewing later if needed. Students will receive assignments that they will complete on their own.
- Students who receive specialized supports will continue to have these opportunities.



# What will online instruction look like?

## Daily Advisement 20 min.

Team Building  
SEL  
Check in's

## Academics 50 min.

20-25 minutes live instruction  
15-20 minutes independent  
5 minutes live closure

## Connections 40 min.

20 minutes live instruction  
15 minutes independent  
5 minutes live closure

## Extended Instructional Time 30 min.

(scheduled by teacher)  
Reteaching (REACH, SE, Regular Ed)  
MTSS, IEP, 504 Support/Instruction

## Breaks (vary)

5 minutes between connections  
10 minutes between academics  
40 minutes for lunch

## Planning

90 minutes (all)

## Sixth Grade

Per	Time	Min	Schedule	Description
HR	8:30--8:50	20	Homeroom/Advisement	Team Building, SEL, Orientation
A	8:55-9:35	40	Connections (Rotation A)	Planning for 6th Grade Teachers
B	9:40-10:20	40	Connections (Rotation B)	Planning for 6th Grade Teachers
	10:20-10:30	10	Break	
2nd	10:30-11:20	50	Academic 1	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	11:20-11:30	10	Break	
3rd	11:30-12:20	50	Academic 2	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	12:20-1:00	40	Lunch	
4th	1:00-1:50	50	Academic 3	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	1:50-2:00	10	Break	
5th	2:00-2:50	50	Academic 4	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	2:50-3:20	30	Extended Learning Time	Reteach, MTSS, IEP/504 Support

## Seventh Grade

Per	Time	Min	Schedule	Description
HR	8:30--8:50	20	Homeroom/Advisement	Team Building, SEL, Orientation
1st	9:00-9:50	50	Academic 1	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	9:50-10:00	10	Break	
2nd	10:00-10:50	50	Academic 2	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	10:50-11:00	10	Break	
A	11:00-11:40	40	Connections (Rotation A)	Planning for 7th Grade Teachers
B	11:45-12:25	40	Connections (Rotation B)	Planning for 7th Grade Teachers
	12:25-1:05	40	Lunch	
3rd	1:05-1:55	50	Academic 3	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	1:55-2:00		Break	
	2:00-2:50		Academic 4	Content Class (ELA, Math, SCI, SS)
	2:50-3:20	30	Extended Learning Time	Reteach, MTSS, IEP/504 Support

# How would a hybrid model be implemented?



## PreK - 5th

- Preference is to return PreK-5 back to face-to-face as soon as conditions allow
- If necessary, students could be divided by first letter of last name and attend school on a weekly AB schedule (K-5)

## 6th - 12th grade

- If necessary, students could be divided by first letter of last name and attend school on a weekly AB schedule

	Last names A - K	Last names L - Z
Week 1	In building face to face	At-home/virtual
Week 2	At-home/virtual	In building face to face



# How will face to face look?

## Face coverings

Require face coverings on all school buses. Require face coverings while inside CCSS schools and facilities where physical distancing is not practical.

Exceptions:

- Eating and drinking
- Exercising
- Health condition
- Communication impairment or disability which prevents an individual from wearing a face covering.
- Students under 2nd Grade
- Under supervision and guidance of staff member



## Social Distancing

Reduced class size numbers by students participating in online learning.

- Markings in hallways and restrooms
- Desks arranged for distance
- Reduce numbers in cafeteria (eat in classrooms, staggered schedules, etc.)



## Sanitizing Procedures

- Frequent opportunities for handwashing
- Frequent classroom cleaning
- Hand sanitizing stations
- Additional cleaning supplies provided for classrooms and schools



## Health & Wellness

- Random temperature screenings for students
- Water fountains have been closed, and students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home
- School nurses will be trained on protocols and procedures to deal with COVID symptoms
- Follow public health guidance
- Limiting non-essential visitors
- Post signage throughout campuses
- Increase hygiene education



**Empower Virtual Online Option** - Will remain after transition to face-to-face as a continuing option. Registration for Empower will reopen July 31.