



Prince George Co. Public Schools Update on Planning for 'Return to Learn'

Safely Bringing Students Back to Campus
July 13, 2020



Our Guiding Principle



PGCPS wants to welcome as many of our students back to campus for face-to-face instruction for as many days as we safely can, as quickly as we can.

- Since Governor Northam released the initial Phase Guidance for Virginia Schools on June 9, PGCPS has completed and submitted the health mitigation plan to the VDOE, which outlines strategies for mitigating public health risk of COVID-19 and complying with CDC and VDH recommendations.
- PGCPS began bringing our first 61 students back on July 6th for elementary Summer Academy.
- PGCPS has begun developing our instructional plan for the 2020-2021 academic year, with considerations that include in-classroom, blended education (comprised of in-classroom and virtual/remote instruction), and virtual/remote instruction.

Resuming In-Person Instruction Safely



On July 6, 2020, the Phase Guidance for Virginia Schools was updated to reflect the revised guidance for Phase III of Governor Ralph Northam's 'Forward Virginia' reopening plan.

Within Phase III, in-person instruction can be offered to all students, and:

- Physical distancing measures should still be implemented
- Mitigation strategies may still impact operations and capacity limits
- Remote learning should be an option for students who are at a higher risk of severe illness

Guidance On Physical Distancing



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends individuals maintain **six feet of distance** to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Updated Phase Guidance for Virginia Schools released July 6, 2020 includes:

- The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends schools maintain a distance of at least **one meter (approximately three feet)** between everyone present at school.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends spacing as close as three feet if students wear face coverings and do not have symptoms of illness.

Guidance On Physical Distancing



Schools are encouraged to aim for six feet of physical distance to the greatest extent possible.

- If six feet of distance is not feasible in buildings and on school buses, schools should implement a combination of face coverings and a minimum of three feet distance between everyone present.

Physical distance should be created between children on school buses when possible (e.g. seat children one per seat, every other row and/or staggered, aisles, and windows) limiting capacity to optimize distance between passengers.

- If three to six feet of distance can not be maintained, wearing of face coverings is strongly encouraged and may help reduce transmission.
- Children living together are permitted to sit together in the same seat on the bus.

Other Distancing Considerations in Phase Guidance



Along with physical distancing, other distancing considerations should include, but are not limited to:

- Consider restricting mixing classes/groups of students, when possible
- Consider closing or staggering use of communal spaces,
- Consider limiting size of groups taking part in outdoor activities/recess, with a priority on physical distancing and limiting mixing of classrooms.
- Large school gatherings are not encouraged and are limited to 250 people, per the large group gathering limitation in Phase III of 'Forward Virginia.'

Listening To Our Families



- As part of our 'Return to Learn' website launch, our families were invited to take part in a survey that evaluated their comfort level for allowing their child(ren) to attend school onsite for instruction.
- That survey closed July 1st and 2,026 responses were returned.

We would like to thank our families for their responses as the valuable feedback that was provided is helping to shape our instructional plan for the 2020-2021 academic year.

What Our Families Are Saying



Results from 'Return to Learn Plan': Parent Survey #1



Overall Survey Participation



Current Enrollment

- Elementary: 3,072
- Secondary: 3,294
- Total: 6,366

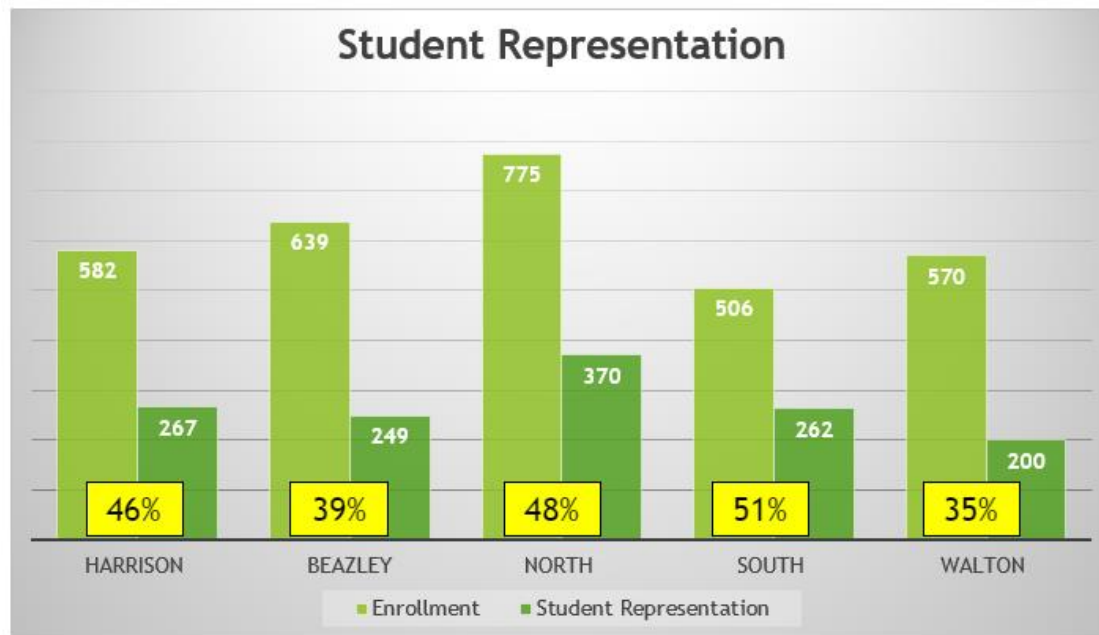
Responses:

- Elementary: 772
- Secondary: 1,254
- Total: 2,026

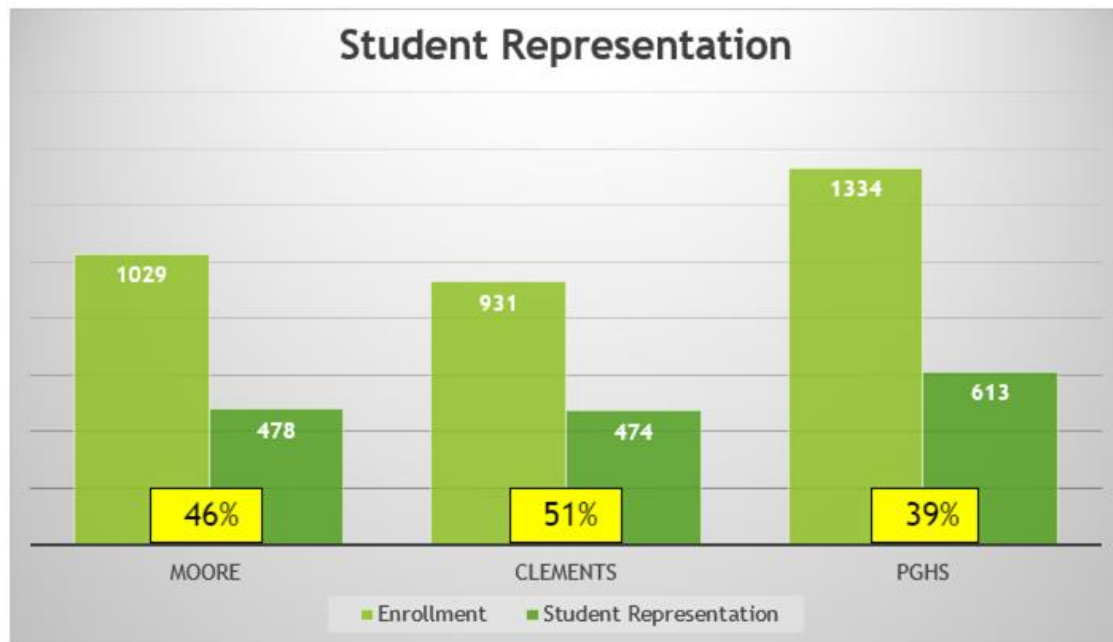
Student Representation (non-duplicated)

- Elementary: 1348 - 44% of elementary enrollment
- Secondary: 1565 - 48% of secondary enrollment
- Total: 2913 - 49% of combined enrollment

Student Representation in Elementary Responses



Student Representation in Secondary Responses



Level of Comfort

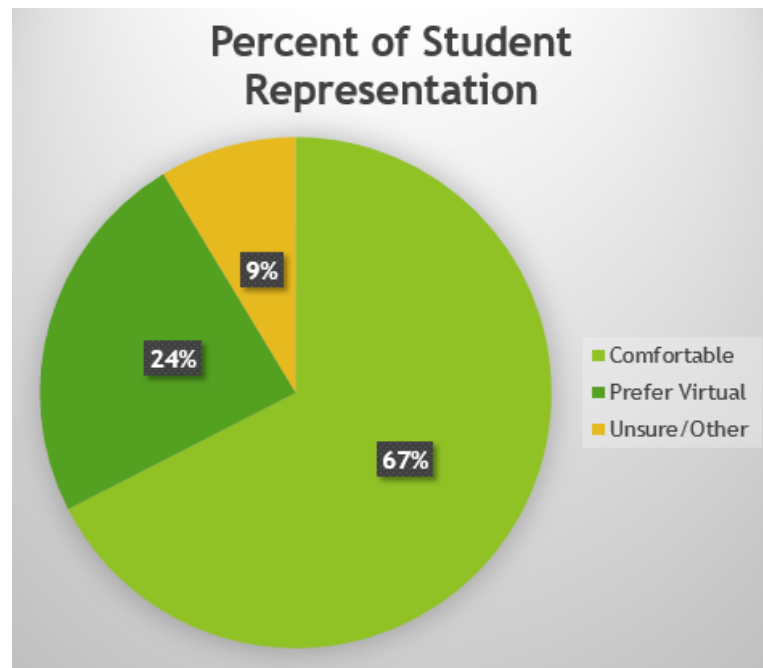
Elementary Responses: 772

Students Represented: 1,348



RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- “I am comfortable with my child returning to school for **onsite instruction**.”
(904 of 1,348 = **67%**)
- “I am not yet comfortable... I prefer a **virtual/remote option** for now.”
(320 of 1,348 = **24%**)
- “**Unsure/Other**” (117 of 1,348 = **9%**)



Level of Comfort

Secondary Responses: 1,254

Students Represented: 1,565

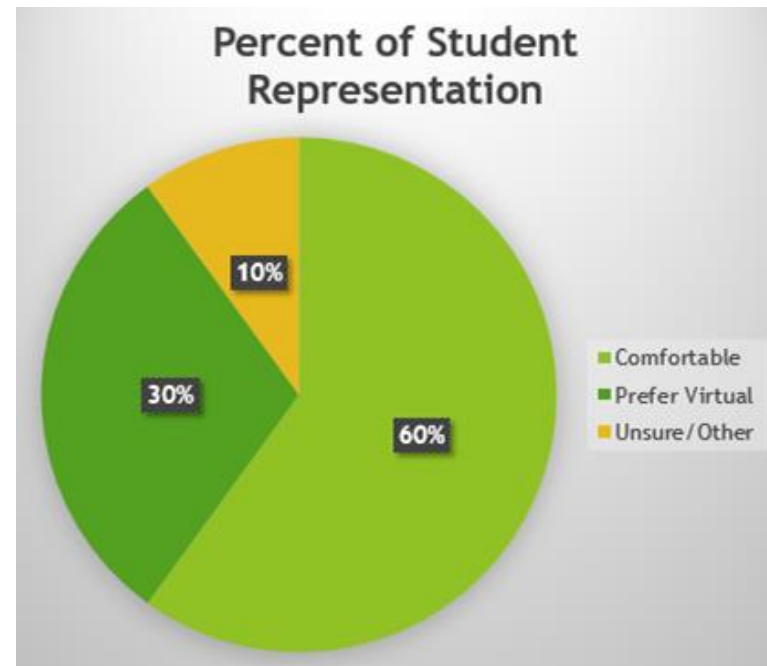


RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- “I am comfortable with my child returning to school for **onsite instruction**.”
(941 of 1,565 = **60%**)

“I am not yet comfortable... I prefer a **virtual/remote option** for now.”
(467 of 1,565 = **30%**)

- “**Unsure/Other**” (157 of 1,565 = **10%**)

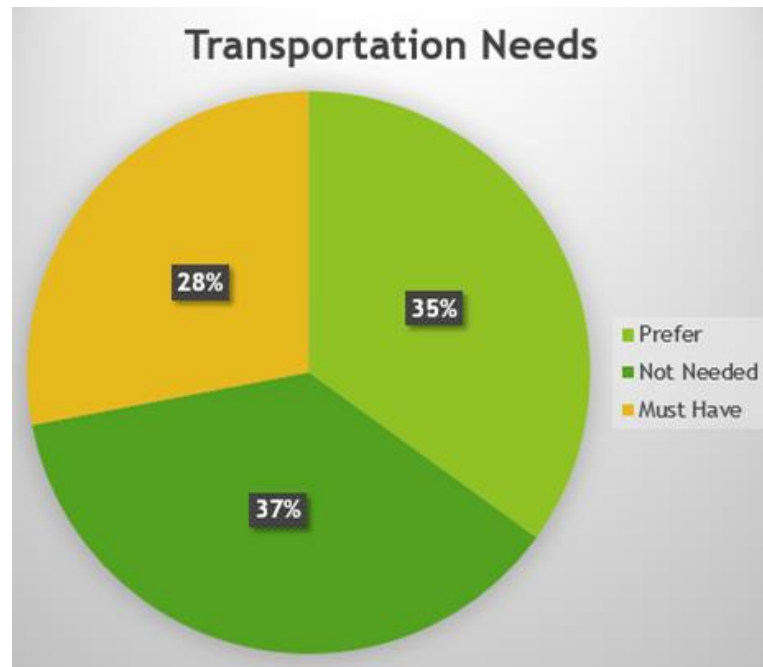


Transportation Needs: Elementary Responses



RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- “My child **must ride** bus to attend school.”
(382 of 1,348 = **28%**)
- “I **will transport** my child; however, I **prefer for them to ride** the bus.” (464 of 1,348 = **35%**)
- “I **will transport** my child.” (495 of 1,348 = **37%**)

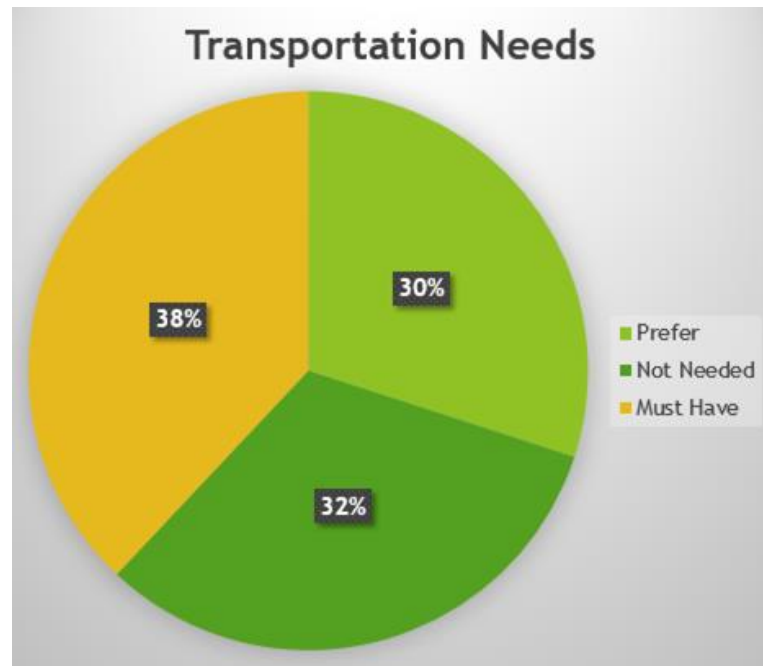


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- “I **will transport** my child.” (499 of 1,565 = **32%**)

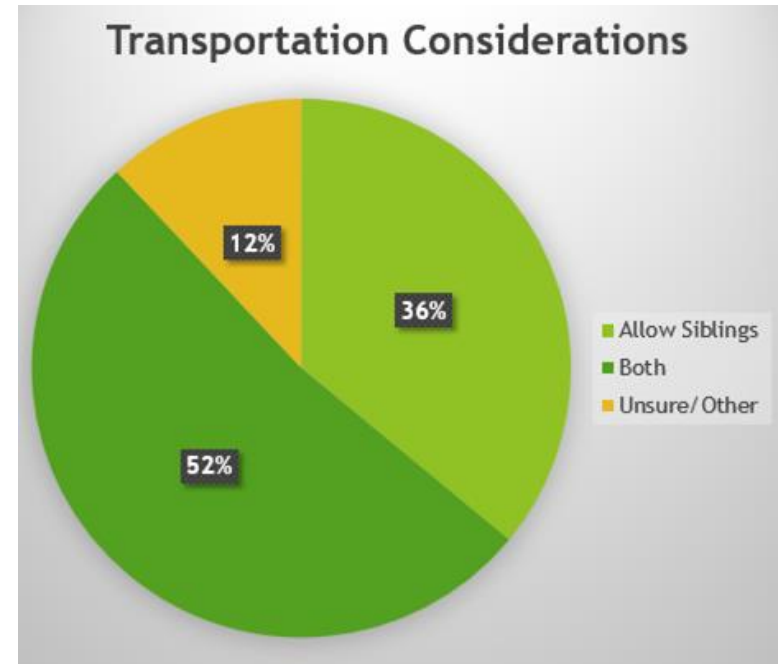


Transportation Considerations: Elementary



RESPONSE CATEGORIES

- “Allow children who reside in the same house to sit in the same seat.” (485 of 1,348 = 36%)
- “Both – Allow children who reside in the same house to sit together and allow students one child per seat with a mask.” (693 of 1,348 = 52%)
- “Unsure/Other” (156 of 1,348 = 12%)

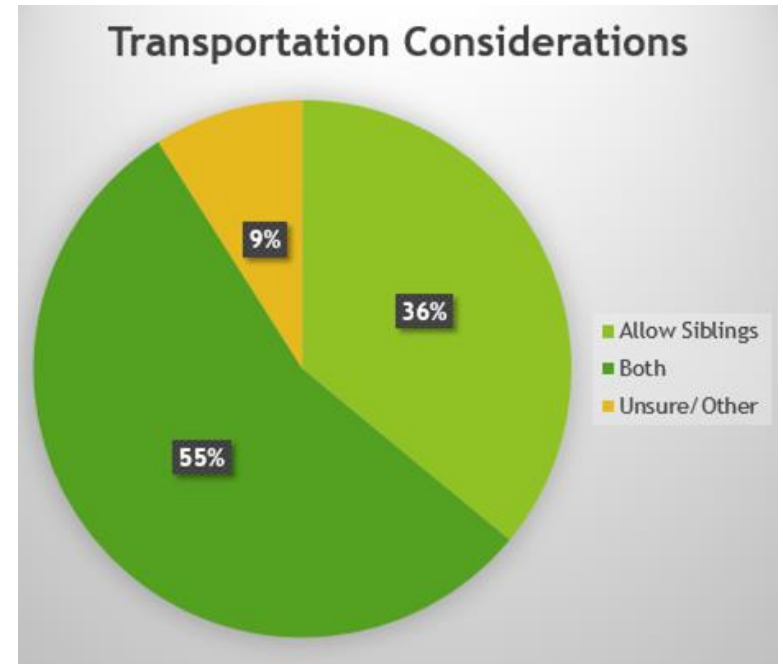


Transportation Considerations: Secondary



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- “Allow children who reside in the same house to sit in the same seat.” (567 of 1,565 = 36%)
- “Both – Allow children who reside in the same house to sit together and allow students one child per seat with a mask.” (853 of 1,565 = 55%)
- “Unsure/Other” (145 of 1,565 = 9%)



Transportation Needs v. Capacity



NEEDS

- Secondary: (n = 1,565)
 - Must Have: 589
 - Prefer: 477
 - Total: 1,066
- Elementary: (n = 1,341)
 - Must Have: 382
 - Prefer: 464
 - Total: 846

BUS CAPACITY

63 Contracted Bus Drivers

- 26 **77-Passenger Buses**
 - 1-Per-Seat - 26 = 676
- 28 **65-Passenger Buses**
 - 1-Per-Seat - 22 = 616
- Special Transportation Buses

Can Transport: 1,292 Students Per Run

(Not including students who reside in the same house riding in same seat)

Transportation Needs v. Capacity

'Must Have' Responses for Elementary



'MUST HAVE' TOTALS

- Elementary with approx. 50% Response: 382
- If doubled to estimate 100% survey participation, this would be 764 students.

Projected 'Must Have' Total - Elem.: 764

(2019-2020 PK-5th Students Transported Daily = 2,045)

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Transportation Needs v. Capacity

'Must Have' Responses for Secondary



'MUST HAVE' TOTALS

- Secondary with approx. 50% Response: 589
- If doubled to estimate 100% survey participation, this would be 1,178 students.

Projected 'Must Have' Total - Sec.: 1,178

(2019-2020 6th-12th Students Transported Daily = 2,181)

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Scheduling Considerations



- When we first entered Phase 3, plans were based on the guidance and recommendations of 6ft. physical distancing which allows approx. 50% of students to attend in person instruction for 2 days per week and 2 days per week virtual instruction with one day for cleaning, teacher planning, and professional development.
- The revised guidance recently released provides for 3ft. physical distancing which allows the school division to offer more on-site days of instruction to more students.
- We understand that some of our families may not yet feel comfortable with having their child(ren) return to school for in-person instruction. Virtual/remote instruction will be available as an option for all of our interested families.

Letter to Superintendents and Local School Leaders...



In a July 6, 2020, joint letter to Superintendents and Local School Leaders, M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA, State Health Commissioner, and James Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction wrote:

*We recognize you now face the difficult task of considering this guidance in the context of your local school community and making decisions that also account for your unique facility, transportation, and technology assets and limitations, and address the needs of your diverse staff and student populations....**Local public health conditions, community concerns, and practical facility constraints** have to be taken into account in these school reopening decisions, and we believe **our local leaders are best positioned to do that thoughtfully.***

Local Public Health Information

Points for Consideration:

- Total Cases in Virginia and Prince George
- Total Hospitalizations in Virginia and Prince George
- Total Deaths in Virginia and Prince George
- Incidence in 0-9 and 10-19 Population

**Total
Cases***

71,642

Confirmed+
68,814

Probable+
2,828

**Total
Hospitalizations****

6,765

Confirmed+
6,720

Probable+
45

**Total
Deaths**

1,968

Confirmed+
1,861

Probable+
107

Select Measure
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- ☒ Cases
- ☐ Hospitalizations
- ☐ Deaths

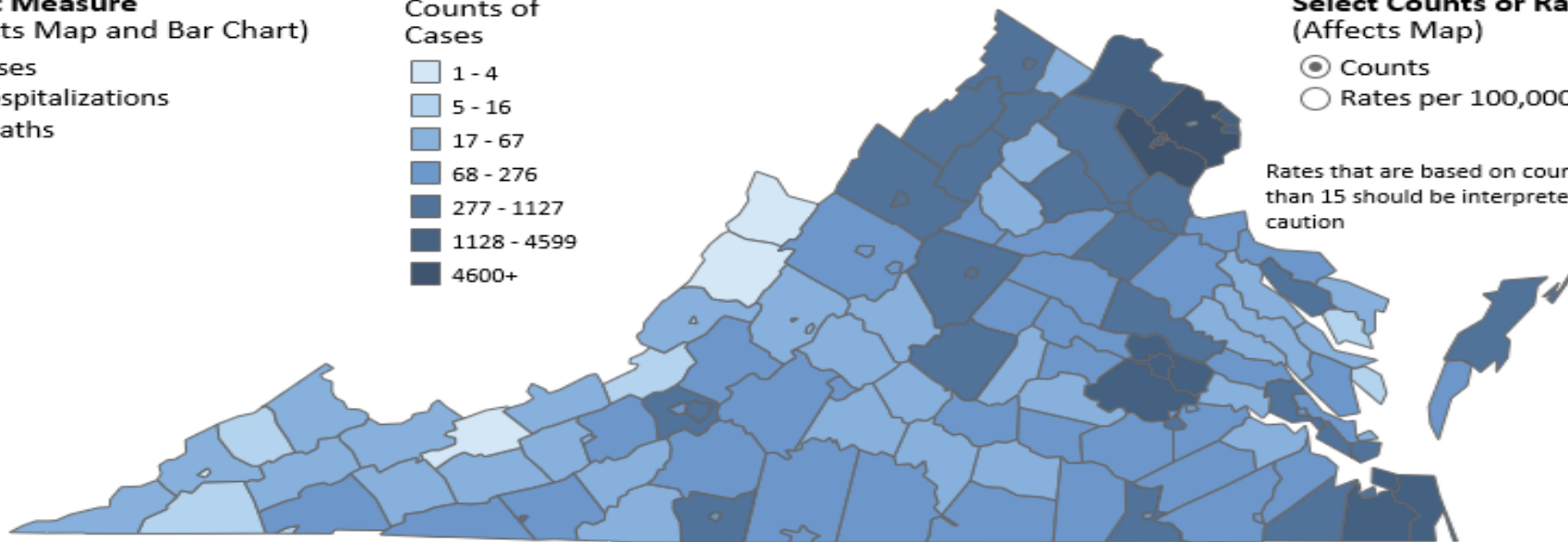
Counts of
Cases

- ☐ 1 - 4
- ☐ 5 - 16
- ☐ 17 - 67
- ☐ 68 - 276
- ☐ 277 - 1127
- ☐ 1128 - 4599
- ☐ 4600+

Select Counts or Rates
(Affects Map)

- ☒ Counts
- ☐ Rates per 100,000

Rates that are based on counts less than 15 should be interpreted with caution



Virginia Population: 8,411,808 (VDH, 2020)

Total % of Cases: .85% (Less than 1% of the population)

Total % of Deaths: .02%

**All Health Districts
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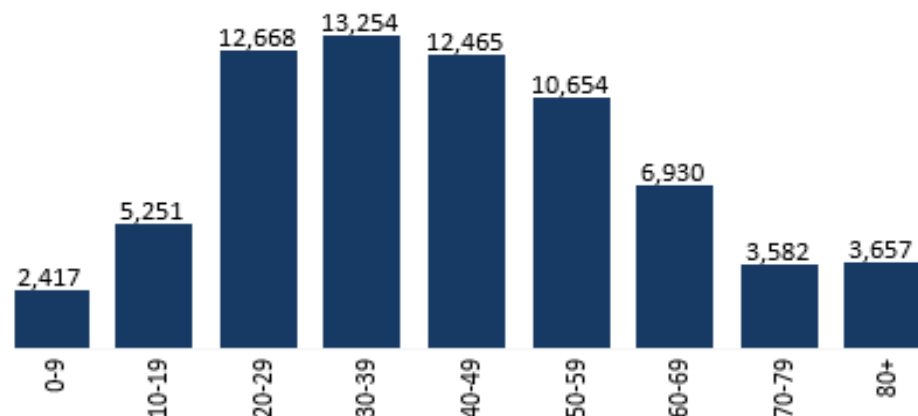
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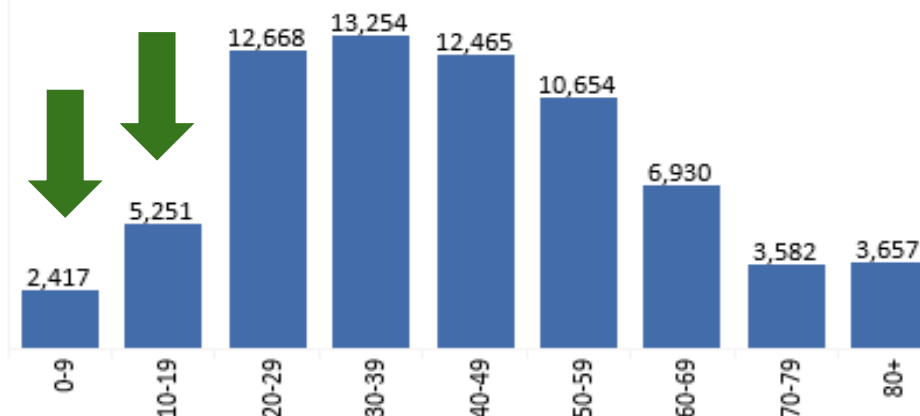
Cases by Age Group - All Health Districts

Not Reported: 764



Cases by Age Group - Virginia

Not Reported: 764



Virginia Cases for Children:

Ages 0-9 = 2,417 of 71,642 (3%)

Ages 10-19 = 5,251 of 71,642 (7%)

Percentage Child Cases in Virginia Population

Ages 0-9 = 2,417 of 8,411,808 (.03%)

Ages 10-19 = 5,251 of 8,411,808 (.06%)



**VIRGINIA'S
HEALTH
IS IN OUR
HANDS.**
Do your part,
stop the spread.

COVID-19 Cases in Virginia: Locality

VDH VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH

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Data entered by 5:00 PM the prior day

Select Counts or Rates for the Table

Counts

Select Locality for Bar Chart
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Cases

Counts by Virginia Locality

| Health District | Locality | Case Count | Hospitalized Count | Death Count |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Crater | Dinwiddie | 156 | 23 | 2 |
| | Emporia | 146 | 23 | 15 |
| | Greensville | 381 | 21 | 9 |
| | Hopewell | 209 | 21 | 5 |
| | Petersburg | 335 | 49 | 8 |
| | Prince George | 265 | 12 | 2 |
| | Surry | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| | Sussex | 214 | 15 | 7 |

Prince George County Population Estimate VDH, 2020: 37,845 people

- 265 Confirmed cases of 37,845 people = .7%
- 12 Hospitalized of 37,845 people = .03%
- 2 Deaths of 37,845 people = .005% (0 deaths in Virginia and Prince George for Ages 0-19)

Next Steps...Hearing from Our Community



We would like to invite our families to attend a:

Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the PGHS Commons to provide us the opportunity to hear the thoughts of our families on considerations including physical distancing as well as share any additional comments, ideas, and/or suggestions for consideration.

The School Board will plan to hold a work session following the Town Hall Meeting.

Join Us This Thursday...



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

 **PGCPS RETURN TO LEARN PLAN
TOWN HALL MEETING**

THURSDAY JULY 16, 2020 | 7 P.M. | PRINCE GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

For more information, visit <http://pgs.k12.va.us/ReturnToLearn>



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