

SCCPSS Schools to Continue with Virtual Learning January 11th Due to Community Spread of COVID-19



NOTE TO REPORTERS, EDITORS AND PRODUCERS:

Please find with this message information from the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System.

SCCPSS ADVISORY:

Due to rising rates of COVID-19 in Chatham County, students will not return to in-person instruction on January 11 as initially planned. The COVID transmission data does not support a return to in-person instruction at this time and all students will remain in virtual learning. All staff will continue to report to their assigned worksite unless approved for remote work by medical exemption. Teachers will continue to teach from their classrooms while students are learning virtually from home.

When the District recessed for winter break, it was our hope that metrics would stabilize following the increase after the Thanksgiving break. Unfortunately, that has not proven to be the case. Instead, all three of the indicators that are monitored - Community Transmission Index, Percentage of Positive Tests, and Daily Case Rate per 100,000 – are in the RED ZONE and rising. Chatham County data can be found by accessing this web link: <https://covid19.gachd.org/covid-19-data-and-charts/>.

CHATHAM COUNTY TRANSMISSION DATA AS OF 1/06/2021

Community Transmission Index – 408 = **RED**

Daily Case Rate Per 100,000 – 34.6 = **RED**

Percentage of Positive Tests – 13.8% = **RED**

Based on the November 4, 2020, Board action that set the thresholds for a return to virtual instruction, students will remain in virtual learning until at least one of the indicators exits the red zone for 14 days. District officials will continue to monitor key metrics daily and will make an announcement regarding a return to in-person instruction through established communication channels, the District website, and social media channels.

***This message does not apply to Charter Schools. If your child attends one of the five Charter schools operating in Savannah-Chatham, please consult your Charter school for applicable schedules.*