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## **Superintendent Update – May 19, 2021**

Dear Botetourt County Students, Staff, Parents, and Community:

Governor Northam released a statement last Friday following updated CDC guidelines. Here is an overview of how current executive orders (linked below) and recent changes will impact the remainder of the school year:

Regardless of vaccination status, students, staff, and visitors must continue to wear a mask while on school property, during all indoor activities, and when accessing transportation services.

Students and staff will also continue to follow current physical distancing requirements during outdoor school activities. When proper physical distancing can be maintained outdoors, masks will not be required. This applies to events such as graduation and other end-of-the-year celebrations that are held outside.

I recognize this has been a challenging year for everyone, but I am grateful to our students, families, staff, and community for making the most of our circumstances. Summer vacation is just around the corner; let's finish this school year strong!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jonathan D. Russ'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Jonathan D. Russ, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

[Executive Order #72 \(Effective: May 15, 2021\)](#)

[Executive Order #79 \(Effective: May 28, 2021\)](#)