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TO: Division Superintendents

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SUPT'S EMAIL: New Measures to Contain the Spread of COVID-19

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On Friday, November 13, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam [announced new statewide measures to contain the spread of COVID-19](#).

The measures include the expansion of the existing mask mandate to require children age 5 and older to wear a face covering in indoor public settings. **This does apply to children over 5 in public schools**, as is developmentally appropriate.

Additionally, public and private social gatherings are limited to 25 individuals. The social gathering limit **does not apply to instructional educational settings**, including classrooms, buses, cafeterias, and recess. The 25 person limit applies to the total number of spectators at athletic competitions. Additional details will be forthcoming from VHSL.

The full text of amended *Executive Order Sixty-Three* and *Order of Public Health Emergency Five* and sixth amended *Executive Order Sixty-Seven* and *Order of Public Health Emergency Seven* [will be made available on the Governor's website](#).