



With the potential for hazardous weather in our area later this week, it is important for parents, employees, and the community to be aware of the different resources the school division uses to communicate changes to school schedules.

1. Connect 5: Voice, text, and email messages will be sent to parents and employees using Connect 5, the division's mass notification system. Connect 5 pulls student information from PowerSchool. It is imperative that you keep your phone numbers and email addresses updated in PowerSchool. You can do this by contacting your child's school, or by managing your devices through the Connect 5 Parent Portal. Employee information is pulled from Munis. Employees should notify Human Resources of any changes to phone numbers and addresses. More information on Connect 5, along with instructions for setting up a Parent Portal account, can be found on our website at: <https://www.iwcs.k12.va.us/apps/pages/connect5>
2. Information will also be posted to the division's Facebook (@IsleofWighCountySchools) and Twitter (@IWCSchools) pages. Like and/or follow us in order to see the latest updates.
3. An announcement and alert will be placed on the homepage of the division's website www.iwcs.k12.va.us
4. Information will be shared with local television stations:
 - a. WTKR Channel 3 (CBS)
 - b. WAVY Channel 10 (NBC)
 - c. WVEC Channel 13 (ABC)
5. Local newspapers will be notified through an email:
 - a. The Smithfield Times
 - b. The Tidewater News
 - c. Daily Press
 - d. Virginian Pilot

Members of our school community should monitor all of these avenues available to them. The division will make decisions regarding school closings based on current data from local, state, and national officials. The safety of students and staff will be the number one priority when determining changes to school schedules.