

Mobile hubs at four HCPS high schools will distribute Wi-Fi hot-spot devices, repair division-issued laptops

To the Henrico community:

During Henrico Schools' closure for coronavirus, vans will be stationed at four HCPS high schools to act as mobile technology hubs for students and school division staff. The hubs are designed to support virtual learning in two ways: enable up to 400 students and staff members who don't have home internet access to get it through distribution of Wi-Fi hot-spot devices; and provide a way for HCPS-issued laptops to be repaired and exchanged.

Starting Wednesday, those who have previously informed the school division of their need for home internet can visit vans at Deep Run, Douglas Freeman, Hermitage and Highland Springs high schools and borrow one of 400 portable Wi-Fi hot-spot devices. The devices will be available while supplies last and will connect laptops to the internet at home using cellular service.

The vans are staffed by employees of the school division's primary technology vendor, Technology Integration Group. The vans have canopies in case of rain and feature the large "TIG" company logo. The mobile sites will be open to distribute hot-spot devices and conduct laptop repairs weekdays from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Most laptop issues can be resolved in less than 10 minutes by moving the hard drive to a replacement computer. Replacement devices will be sanitized before being issued.

HCPS Mobile Technology Hubs

Hours:

March 18-20 and March 23-27

- 8:30-10:30 a.m.

- 2-4 p.m. ^{1}_{SEP}

Sites:

Deep Run High School

4801 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen, Va.

Douglas Freeman High School

8701 Three Chopt Road, Henrico, Va.

Hermitage High School

8301 Hungary Spring Road, Henrico, Va.

Highland Springs High School

15 S. Oak Ave., Highland Springs, Va.

The school division's closure is currently scheduled to last through March 30. Should the closure be extended, the status of the hubs would be reassessed. Stay informed about HCPS' response to spread of the coronavirus at the school division's COVID-19 webpage at henricoschools.us/covid19/, as well as on our social media accounts.