

# READY SCHOOLS, SAFE LEARNERS

## GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020–21

### Planning for the 2020-21 School Year

#### How will my school and district begin planning for the 2020-21 school year?

Prior to the beginning of the school year, every school, under the direction of their local district, will determine whether they teach all students on-site, teach all students through Comprehensive Distance Learning or utilize a hybrid model. *Model selection for each school is guided by a series of public health metrics, available in Ready Schools, Safe Learners.* Each school will develop an Operational Blueprint for Reentry that ensures their school meets requirements outlined in Ready Schools, Safe Learners. This Blueprint will be submitted to the School Board. All school districts are required to post their school blueprints on a website and submit that website link to ODE by August 17, 2020 or prior to the beginning of their 2020-21 school year.

#### What if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at my school?

Outbreaks are determined by Oregon Health Authority and Local Public Health Authorities. All plans for fall On-Site and Hybrid instruction must include a school's response to an outbreak. In the event that there is a single positive case or a cluster of cases of COVID-19, schools and districts must partner with the Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) who will work to support them on ongoing COVID-19 mitigation efforts. *The "[Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools Toolkit](#)" will support schools in developing safe and effective plans to respond to outbreaks.*

#### What should I do if I'm a concerned student, parent or guardian, or staff member?

We want to hear about your experience with school and planning for the 2020-21 school year. The best way to share your input is to [complete this short survey](#). While ODE has developed guidance for the state's schools to operate safely, the responsibility of planning and assessing local needs is in the hands of our capable school and district leaders. For more information, you can find extensive details about the state's framework in the guidance titled [Ready School, Safe Learners](#).

### **What is a local decision and what is a state-level decision?**

The planning will be complex and challenging to ensure our schools open safely. Returning Oregon students to onsite learning is an enormous responsibility, and that responsibility is shared by schools, districts, and local and state health and education agencies. The state created guidance for schools in their planning process, *including a set of public health metrics to be used in determining safe points to transition between instructional models*. ODE requires districts to submit a landing webpage where their school(s) Operational Blueprints for Reentry will be posted by August 17, 2020 or prior to the beginning of their 2020-21 school year. All Oregon schools will create their own Operational Blueprints for Reentry and share it with their school district. The school and district are responsible for their own planning and processes.