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Updates from ODE July 14, 2020

READY SCHOOLS, SAFE LEARNERS

GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020–21

June 30, 2020

1.5.8

Major

No Major changes to any key design parameters in this iteration of guidance

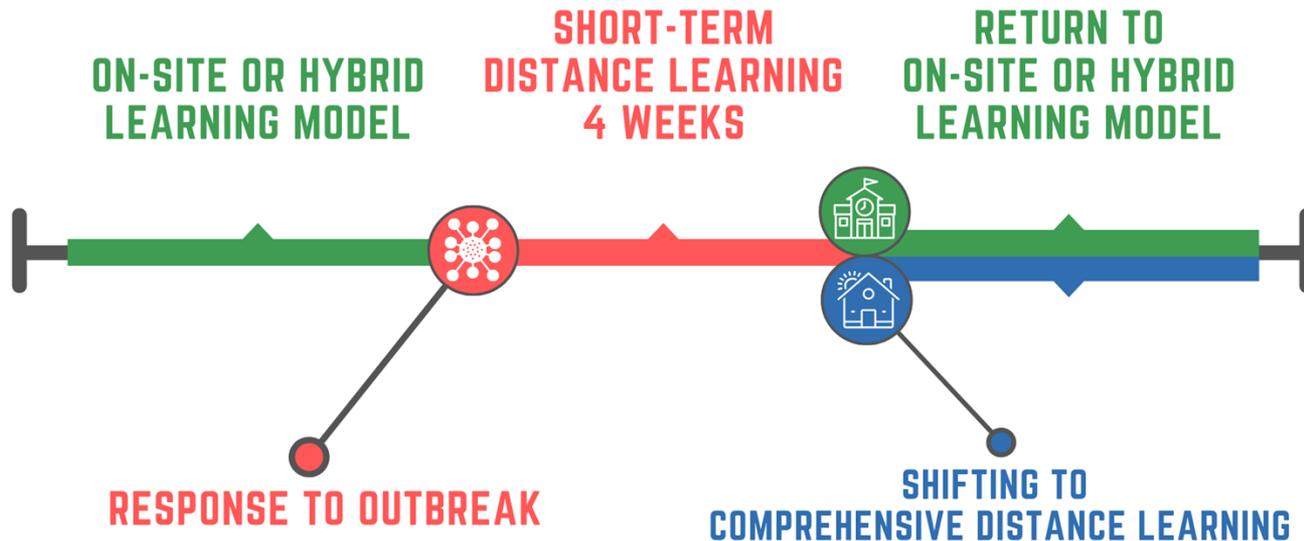
Minor

There are a number of minor, while still substantial changes. All changes are in the Release Notes at the front of the document

Patch

We found a number of corrections and places to clarify or make the guidance more consistent

SHORT-TERM DISTANCE LEARNING TIMELINE



Districts, schools, and programs need to flexibly plan to use multiple models throughout the school year to meet evolving health conditions. Even when the primary plan is through an On-Site or Hybrid learning model, Short-Term Distance Learning may be required due to outbreaks.

Due to the unpredictability of which schools might be impacted by emergency closures, all schools will need to plan for Short-Term Distance Learning and be prepared to ramp up to Comprehensive Distance Learning if the closure extends beyond four weeks.



ODE General Updates

- ODE and Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) checking-in regularly
- The Governor is committed to
 - fully funding the State School Fund,
 - Providing early learning supports, and
 - addressing the disproportionate impacts of the ongoing pandemic on marginalized and underserved communities.
- On June 5th, the State Legislature approved \$20 million of Coronavirus Relief Fund from the U.S. Treasury to the Oregon Business Development Department for three purposes:
 - Approximately \$8.4 million for the purposes of lighting up an existing broadband network extending from Portland to Idaho via I-84 and back through Burns and Bend.
 - Approximately \$1.6 million for school district projects aimed at establishing or improving connectivity needed for distance learning.
 - The \$10 million balance will be administered through the Rural Broadband Capacity Program to be focused in regions of the state, including school districts, that currently lack broadband.

Executive Order 20-29

- Goes into effect July 1
- Includes Youth Corrections (YCEP), Juvenile Detention (JDEP), Oregon School of the Deaf (OSD), and Long Term Care and Treatment (LTCT)
- Directs schools/districts to operate in compliance with ODE/OHA guidance
- Makes State School Funds (SSF) payments contingent on compliance with guidance and compliance with ORS 659.850
- Allows State Board of Education and Teachers Standards and Practice to create rules as needed
- Allows SSF Transportation Grant for nutrition and distance learning supports
- “Public school employees shall fulfill duties as may be assigned by their public school employers, consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order and guidance from ODE and OHA.”
- Consider the goals of the Educator Equity Act

Social Marketing Update

1. Social Marketing for Ready Schools Safe Learners

- ODE Engagement Activities
 - Internal (ODE)
 - External (Schools/Administrators/Community Groups/State Agencies)
 - Survey
- Stands ready to support the social marketing of other agencies

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COVID-19 Temporary Rules Update

The temporary rules later adopted as **permanent** were:

- Department's Guidance to implement EO 20-20 (*581-002-0035* Waivers, *581-016-0710* High School Requirements for Graduation, *581-021-0584* Oregon Seal of Biliteracy, *581-022-0103* State Standards for the 2019-20 SY, *581-023-0006* Student Accounting Records and State Reporting)
- Registration of Private Alternative Programs/Schools *581-021-0072*

The following rules have been adopted as **temporary**:

- Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program Application (OSCIM) Program rule *581-027-0020*
- Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Requirement for bus drivers *581-053-0009*
- Kindergarten Assessment *581-022-2130*
- Examination of Children Instructed by Parent, Legal Guardian or Private Teacher *581-021-0026*

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