

Dear Panther Staff and Families,

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. With this ever-changing pandemic, I wanted to provide you with an update of information as we look forward to re-opening our campus in the fall.

Over the last 9+ weeks, OSD has been working with the Oregon Department of Education, Department of Human Services and the Marion County Health Department. We are following the recommendations and guidelines from these agencies, our local government and the CDC, working towards being able to re-open our campus as soon as possible while maintaining everyone's health and safety.

During this closure, OSD has:

- Deep cleaned and disinfected classrooms, common areas, offices, dorms, and other school buildings.
- Developed health screening procedures to check students, staff and visitors for signs and symptoms daily upon arrival (morning and night for dorm students).
 - Temperature checks
 - Review of any symptoms of illness, history of exposure
 - Provide mask/face covering
- Ordered non-contact infrared thermometers.
- Reached out to community partners to help supply OSD with Deaf/Hard of hearing friendly masks that allow for more visibility of the face.
- Discussed options to maintain physical distancing in the confines of the classroom and dorm settings for all students and staff while still maintaining the structure needed within Deaf culture.

We will continue to train employees on health and safety protocols; including updated monitoring of symptoms related to COVID-19 and pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome (PMIS). We will continue to promote healthy hygiene practices, such as washing of hands, covering of coughs, wiping down high-touch surfaces, and staying home when sick.

Anytime a student shows signs of illness, they will be assessed by Nursing staff. Our nurses continue to follow the Oregon Department of Education Guidelines for exclusion which include: Fever of 100.4 or greater, any new skin rash or sores, difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, concerning cough, diarrhea, vomiting, headache with a stiff neck and fever or recent head injury, jaundice, concerning eye symptoms, behavior change, or major health event.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/documents/commmdisease.pdf> If a student is exhibiting exclusion symptoms, we will separate the child from the rest of the students and contact parents to pick up their child as soon as possible. We ask that you develop a plan now, to be able to pick up your child as soon as possible if they become ill or injured while at school.

In addition to helping keep students healthy on campus, we want to also help our community stay healthy at home. We have ordered reusable forehead thermometers and will send them out to all families as soon as we receive them.

We will continue to update you on our path to re-opening as needed and as additional information becomes available over the next few months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 503-378-3861 or osd.health@osd.k12.or.us

Sincerely,
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