

Dear Pilgrim Families,

We have been waiting patiently for the latest update from the state to determine our ability to reopen campus. Unfortunately, the information we received yesterday was not favorable to our reopening onsite.

As it stands, we will open onsite on September 8 for Preschool and Kindergarten only due to our licensing provision. I will let you know immediately if this changes in any way, otherwise we will be thrilled to welcome our Preschool and Kindergarten students on Tuesday, September 8. You will receive information regarding that within the next couple of weeks. We will officially begin school remotely on September 8 for all other grades. We must meet the metrics found below to begin meeting onsite. You can expect to start receiving communication from your student's teacher soon regarding the remote learning plan and how you will be able to receive materials to begin school. It will be different for each grade level so this will come directly from the teachers. Please be assured that we have a very robust remote learning plan, but will work with families so as not to overwhelm. The key is good and frequent communication between student, teacher, and parent/guardian. In addition, we are working on plans that would work for classes to meet outdoors onsite weekly for socially distanced PE and the opportunity to see their teacher and classmates. That will be communicated once it is finalized. This will never be mandatory, but an opportunity. We are also finalizing our Blueprint for Reopening now that the state has announced there will be no additional updates to Ready Schools, Safe Learners. You will receive notice once that is published to our website. You will also receive a Covid specific handbook that will give you guidance on what to expect within the school when your student is able to return onsite.

1st- 3rd Grade will reopen once Washington County reaches the following metrics:

- COVID-19 is not spreading among school community
- Case rate in the county is  $30 < \text{cases per } 100,000$  population in preceding 7 days for the past 3 week
- Test positivity in the county is  $< 5\%$  in the preceding 7 days for the past 3 weeks
- Schools fully comply with Sections 1-3 of Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance

4th - 8th Grade County Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)

- 10 or fewer cases per 100,000 people over 7 days
- Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days

Statewide Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)

- Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days

I know this news is not favorable for many and this has become a very polarizing issue for most. While I realize that there are a handful of schools and organizations attempting to bring lawsuits to fight the closure order, we have not reached the place of joining that movement at this time. However, I am sending the letter below to The Director of Education for the State of Oregon, Colt Gill. I know many of my colleagues locally and around the state will also be sending similar correspondence to him and Governor Kate Brown. If you feel that this is important for your family, I would invite you also to reach out to him at the email address provided. As always, I am available for questions and will update you as soon as anything changes.

In joy,

*Sherri Lam*