



UPDATE READY SCHOOLS, SAFE LEARNERS GUIDANCE

The Oregon Department of Education released an update to the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance](#), which includes an update to the metrics. These new metrics recognize the importance of getting kids back for in-person instruction. The key lesson from the review of national school data is that Oregon schools and districts can help protect student and staff health and well-being during in-person instruction when community spread is low and when schools adhere to the health and safety protocols in place in Oregon.

What does this mean for PBCCS?

PBCCS will remain open and continue to provide in-person instruction. ODE is permitting any school operating in compliance with previous metrics a “safe harbor clause” to *initially* continue to offer in-person instruction. After January 4th, PBCCS must meet the new metrics to continue to offer in-person learning.

Crook County Health Department will continue to monitor the situation closely to determine whether a transition to distance learning is needed now and in the future.

New metrics data will be released each week. Using a single, two week “look back” of data, PBCCS will map the county case count to the instruction model in the columns. PBCCS will follow the instructions to transition or implement Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) as the table indicates, if needed.

METRICS & MODELS	ON-SITE	ON-SITE AND DISTANCE LEARNING	TRANSITION	DISTANCE LEARNING
County Case Rate per 100,000 People Over 14 days	<50.0	50.0 to <100.0	100.0 to ≤200.0	>200.0
County Case Count Over 14 days (for small counties ¹)	<30	30 to <45	45 to ≤60	>60
County Test Positivity ²	<5.0%	5.0% to <8.0%	8.0% to ≤10.0%	>10.0%
Instructional Model	Prioritize On-Site or Hybrid (as needed to maintain small cohorts) instructional models.	Prioritize careful phasing in of On-Site or Hybrid for elementary schools (starting with K-3 and adding additional grades up to grade 6). Middle school and high school primarily Comprehensive Distance Learning with allowable Limited In-Person Instruction. Over time, if elementary schools can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment ³ , transition to On-Site or Hybrid.	Consider transition to Comprehensive Distance Learning with allowable Limited In-Person Instruction. For counties with an upward case/positivity trend (entering from a lower risk category), school officials should discuss with their local public health authority (LPHA) and consider the spread of COVID-19 within schools and the local community in deciding whether to return to Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL). ⁴ Schools in counties with downward case/positivity trend must remain in CDL until they drop into the Moderate Risk category or lower.	Implement Comprehensive Distance Learning with allowable Limited In-Person Instruction only.

- Counties with <30,000 residents.
- If statewide testing volume decreases by more than 10% in the week prior compared to the previous week due to external factors (such as due to a natural disaster or acute decrease in testing supplies), then OHA and ODE will consider temporarily suspending the use of percent positivity in the reopening considerations.
- In considering community spread, public health should take into consideration the cases in the community, COVID-19 test availability in the community, recent percent positivity of tests, capacity in the community to respond to cases and outbreaks and the regional hospital capacity available for those with severe disease.
- As a measure to monitor limited introduction or spread, local public health should look for an average outbreak size of 3 or less, excluding outbreaks with only one case, over the prior 4 weeks.



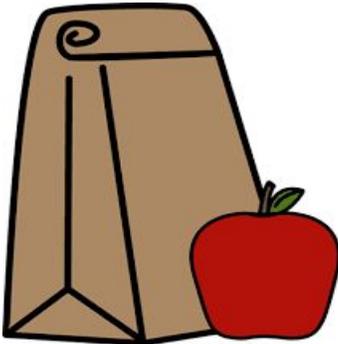
FALL CONFERENCES

Fall conferences are a time for parents, teachers and students to discuss each student's growth and progress towards academic standards and set goals for the future. Conferences are taking place on:

- **Wednesday, November 4** from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- **Thursday, November 5** from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

If you have not scheduled your child's conference, please contact your child's teacher today! Look for an email or text confirming your conference time and outlining our health protocols.

We recommend that students attend the conference with their parents, as these meetings address all areas of student learning. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you!



LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATE

PPBCCS received notification on Monday, October 26th that *Friends of Powell Butte School* would be discontinuing meal services for students on Thursday, October 29th, and ending their partnership with PBCCS.

Through the support and partnership of Crook County School District, PBCCS students will see no disruption in food service. CCSD will provide meals starting **Monday, November 2nd**. The CCSD nutrition staff will prepare meals in the central kitchen and then deliver them to PBCCS on regular school days. Meals will be free for students under a national extension of the Summer Meals Program. PBCCS is looking forward to this new partnership with CCSD and the nutrition services team.

Please complete the sign up sheet if you would like to participate - one form per child. Click this link: [Lunch Sign Up Form](#). This form must be completed by THURSDAY @ 3:00 PM if your child is participating in the following week of lunches. The menu is included in the form.

A new Lunch Sign Up Form will be available every Monday for the following week on the PBCCS website. A link will also be sent out in our weekly newsletters and posted on social media. Currently this service is available for students participating in in-person learning. We hope to get it up in running for all our PBCCS students soon.

The PBCCS Board will be working hard in the coming weeks to determine next steps, with the goal of providing healthy meals to PBCCS students. This includes plans to reequip the kitchen to begin making meals on site as soon as possible.



November 4	No School, Conferences 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
November 5	No School, Conferences 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
November 6	No School
November 11	No School, Veteran’s Day
November 19	Classroom BEST Celebrations! <i>HAWKS PRIDE DAY!</i> Show your school spirit by wearing your hawks gear. PBCCS Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
November 20	No School, Teacher Work Day
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break