



Jefferson County School District 509J

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Dear Jefferson County Families and Staff Members:

I'm writing to let you know that we received significant revisions to Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance this week on July 22, 2020, from the Governor and the Oregon Department of Education. The updated guidance is 69 pages in length and contains 65 changes, additions, revisions, and clarifications to the previous guidelines. The most significant updates include requirements for all students and staff to wear masks at school and cohorts (groups of people who interact closely) may not exceed 100 people in a week. In other words, the group of students/staff which any one student interacts with closely during their week may not be more than 100.

In June, schools and districts in Oregon were asked to plan to reopen schools in the fall under one of three models 1) On-site model, 2) Hybrid model (some time at school and some time on a distance learning model), and 3) Distance Learning Model. These three choices or combinations of these choices remain the same, but the new guidance must be reviewed carefully to determine impacts on these options for reopening our schools. District leaders, Health Department Leaders, school administrators, teachers, school nurses, and support staff will review the shifts in the guidance and work to get a draft plan for reopening to families by Friday, July 31st. This is later than we had hoped to distribute our draft plan for input, but the late changes from the state require us to revisit our planning in great detail.

On another note, the Oregon Schools Activities Association released updated information on athletics and activities for the school year. The most significant change is moving the date of the first athletic contest back approximately one month and continued precautions related to football competition. Please see communication at Memo to Schools from OSAA at this link: <https://bit.ly/2OS5EnW>

Finally, we continue to ask for additional feedback from our community to assist in the planning process. Please take a few minutes to complete the [attached survey](#) for family members, staff, and students. We appreciate your support during these unique times. I hope each of you are healthy and well.

Sincerely,

Ken Parshall
Superintendent