

March 9, 2020

Dear Oregon Trail Families,

We continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 health issue and will update you if there are any significant changes that may affect our schools.

On March 8, public health experts at the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and education officials with the Oregon Department of Education issued guidance and best practices from public health experts to schools for decision-making concerning COVID-19 in Oregon. *At this time, the guidance recommends against closing schools and campuses where no cases of COVID-19 are present.*

When to keep your child home from school

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you are concerned you or your child may have COVID-19, please see your doctor - do not send your child to school. If your child merely has a runny nose, they may attend school.

Preventive actions at school and home

Viruses can be spread in schools. This is why it's important that people with symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) stay home. It is one of the most effective ways to minimize exposure.

We have implemented increased sanitation in our school buildings, including daily disinfecting of touch points, such as doorknobs, desks, chairs, and lockers, in all schools/classrooms.

Personal prevention steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hands sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What if one or more of our schools is temporarily closed?

If it is determined, in consultation with Public Health, that one or more of our schools needs to close because of a local outbreak of COVID-19, we will implement our Emergency Operations Plan procedures for addressing any loss of instructional time.

Questions?

If you have questions about COVID-19, please contact your child's health care professional or the Clackamas County Public Health Department at 503-742-5300. Also feel free to contact OTSD Nurse, Brie Leiblein: brie.leiblein@ortrail.k12.or.us, 503-668-8011 X7802.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community healthy.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Aaron Bayer