

December 18, 2020

Oregon Trail Families,

On November 25, Governor Brown announced Oregon's new Risk & Prevention Framework that uses four risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread. Clackamas County was placed in the Extreme Risk level through December 17 due to a sustained upward trend in COVID cases, and Oregon Trail schools have remained in Comprehensive Distance Learning.

On December 15, Governor Brown announced the next assignment of county risk levels that will be in effect from December 18-31. Unfortunately, Clackamas County remains in the Extreme Risk level, based on the following data from the Oregon Health Authority:

1. Weeks 11/29-12/12: 469.8 cases per 100,000, with a 7.06% test positivity rate
2. Weeks 11/22-12/5: 454.9 cases per 100,000, with an 8.3% test positivity rate
3. Weeks 11/15-11/28: 370.3 cases per 100,000, with an 8.9% test positivity rate

The next assignment of risk levels will take effect on January 1. Once the metrics in Clackamas County show COVID cases to be in a steady decline, we may then begin transitioning our students back to on-site learning. In the meantime, to provide stability through the end of our first semester, **we will remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning through February 2.**

We continue to pursue Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) opportunities for our most vulnerable students, and will have more information on this in early January. Oregon's *Ready Schools, Safe Learners* guidance allows Limited In-Person Instruction (LIPI) for small cohorts of students with specific needs.

We want to thank the families who participated in our recent survey. We are compiling your responses and will send a summary report to you and our state decision-makers shortly.

We hope you have a healthy and happy holiday season!