



September 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

I have to say when I get emails from the Archdiocese or the Oregon Department of Education I cannot help but hold my breath for a minute. The amount of change is stressful and overwhelming for all of us. **I cannot thank you enough** for everything you are doing to support our children, families, and teachers. I know we are all working day and night to meet their needs under incredibly difficult circumstances. While I cannot promise you that more change will not occur throughout the school year, please know your support and flexibility is deeply appreciated.

The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon is encouraging schools in Clackamas County to open for K-3 students following the [Resources, Updates, and Clarifications document issued by the Oregon Department of Education](#). The guidance from the Public Health Division of Clackamas County includes a successful rollout of Limited In-Person Instruction for grades K-3 prior to moving into In-Person Instruction. We are proud to report the success of our current program of Limited In-Person Instruction, with no COVID-19 cases and a safe and healthy environment for students and teachers. The successful implementation of Limited In-Person Instruction coupled with the update in metrics requirements from ODE, OLL feels safe and confident moving into the next stage of In-Person Instruction.

Guided by the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, OLL has decided to return to In-Person Instruction for K-3 using the [original blueprint model approved by the Oregon Department of Education](#). This model allows for students to return to school for In-Person instruction in two cohorts (all K-3 students at school at the same time). All CDC guidelines for cleaning, social distancing, and best practices will be followed. Due to the exception to the test positivity rate for the month of September, Clackamas County has approved the return to In-Person Instruction for K-3. The Public Health Division of Clackamas County is aware of OLL's plans to move forward with In-Person Instruction. The case rates and test positivity will continue to be monitored closely and OLL will be alerted by the Public Health Division of Clackamas County in the event that the school needs to return to Limited In-Person Instruction (two hours per day) or Comprehensive Distance Learning/CDL (completely online).

Kindergarten through third grade students will transition from Limited In-Person instruction to In-Person Instruction under the exception to the metrics beginning October 5th. We will begin school on October 5th following our [original blueprint opening plan](#) with K-3 grade students, participating in two cohorts in two separate rooms. Please note the following details:

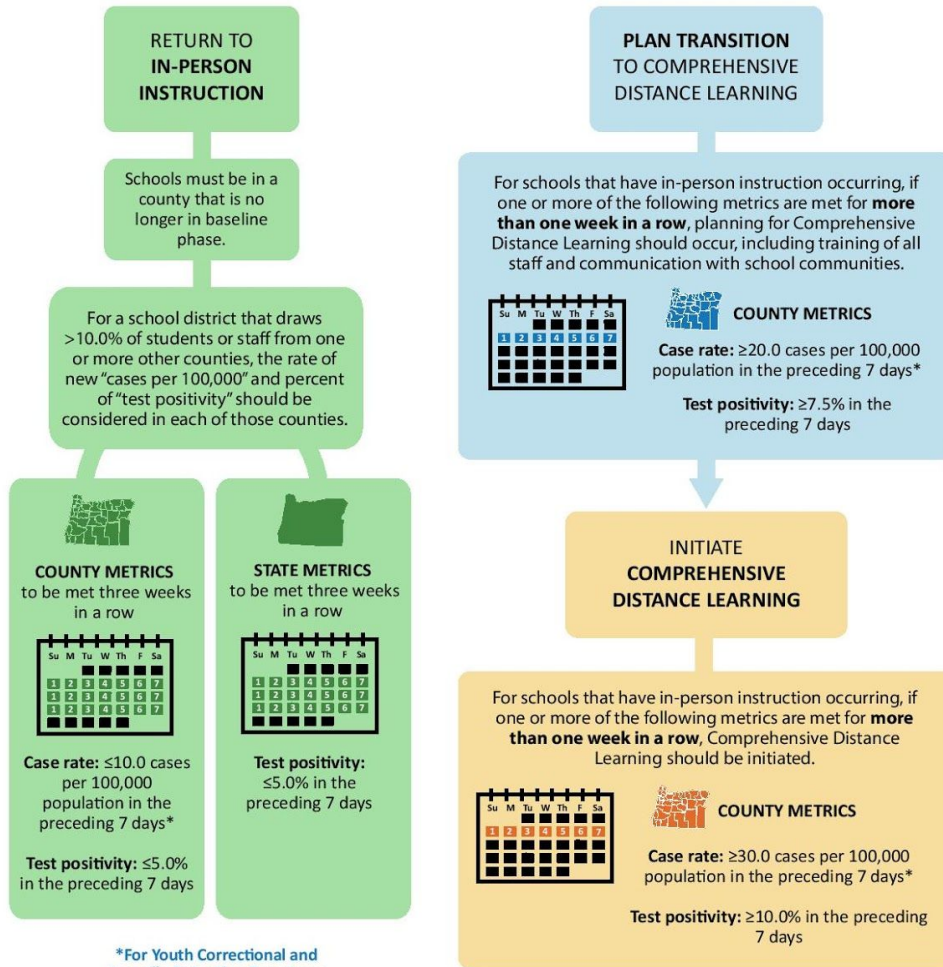
- 8:10am-1:00pm Monday-Friday
- Drop off 8:00 AM

- Parents must stay in cars and no atrium pickup (no change)
- Students have one outdoor recess (weather permitting) and will eat lunch and will have dedicated social-emotional time inside their classrooms from 11:30-12:00.
- No hot lunch. Please pack sack lunches, water bottles, and one snack per child.
- K-3rd grade students on campus will be taught core subjects with the addition of Spanish, Music, and PE classes in person.
- K-3rd grade students will be expected to complete some coursework online including Science, Art, and other projects as deemed appropriate by teacher and administration.
- Homeroom teachers will continue with their online cohort instruction from 1:30-3:20 PM.

The image below shows ODE’s most recent visual showing the process required to return to In-Person Instruction. Please click [here](#) to view the entire document from the ODE website.



FOLLOWING THE METRICS CRITERIA FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION



*For Youth Correctional and Juvenile Detention Programs:

This metric may exclude cases associated with corrections and detention facilities and other settings without direct association with community spread. Conversely, the decision to open youth correctional and juvenile detention education programs to in-person instruction should be made based on the spread of COVID-19 within the specific correction or detention facility.

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School Masses

Father John has decided to dedicate the Tuesday night 6:00 PM Mass to rotating homeroom classes. This means each grade level will be invited to several Masses over the school year while following COVID-19 restrictions. For example, eighth grade was invited to the 6:00 PM Mass tomorrow night. You will hear from your child's homeroom teachers regarding which Tuesday nights are dedicated for their grade level.

The teachers are looking forward to meeting their parents during our Virtual Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 30th for elementary school and specialists and Thursday, October 1st for Middle School. Please look for the Zoom links sent in Monday's Musing newsletter from Mrs. Heinrich. The links will be sent again on Wednesday.

God Bless,
Corrine Buich
Principal