



Plans for Full In-Person Learning for 2021-22 School Year

July 27, 2021

Dear Pleasant Hill School District Community and Staff:

On July 16, 2021, I sent you an update as Pleasant Hill School District (PHSD) prepares for the upcoming school year, [Superintendent's Message - July 16, 2021](#) in anticipation of the formal guidance for opening schools from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) which was revealed on July 22, 2021. [Resiliency Framework](#).

To recap the message I sent to you, PHSD will now be implementing the following Covid guidance:

- **Maintain contact logs in order to identify and isolate COVID-19 cases and exposures (state requirement).**
 - We will continue to work with Lane County Health to identify COVID-19 cases as well as those considered exposed to COVID-19, and will be required to quarantine affected unvaccinated students and/or staff.
- **Set up spaces for three-feet physical distancing to the maximum extent possible, while not limiting activities due to distancing.**
- **Continue other safety measures.**
 - These include: diligent cleaning and disinfecting, increased fresh air intake and upgrades to our schools per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements, education and training, dedicated school COVID-19 safety teams, and easily accessible hand washing and hand sanitizer stations.

What is now a confirmed requirement from ODE is:

School Busing (federal and state requirement)

Existing federal law includes the following requirements for school districts:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued an order requiring the wearing of masks by people on public transportation conveyances or on the premises of transportation hubs to prevent spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. The CDC order for mandatory use of face coverings on public transit applies to **school buses** until lifted by the federal government and cannot be waived by state or local authorities.



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We continue to work closely with the ODE, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Lane County Public Health (LCPH) as we prepare for our return to school in the fall. We are excited to share our plans for a full return to in-person learning for all students in all grades next year, and PHSD remains committed to striking a balance between managing risks associated with the COVID-19 preventative measures and the quality and effectiveness of the educational experience. We do not take our responsibility to students and staff lightly and are working diligently to establish a safe and effective educational environment.

ODE and the State of Oregon have made the preventative measure guidance advisory so that local school districts may make decisions based on their community's current circumstances, while holistically managing the student educational experience along the continuum of risk.

In my last message, I shared that PHSD is planning to “make **face coverings optional**. We know that education is more effective (and fun) when we can see each other's faces. We have also received strong feedback from our families about allowing masks to be optional. Masks are an effective way to slow or prevent the spread of disease, so we will work with our students and staff to respect everyone's individual choices.”

To that end, as we work toward opening schools this fall, we would appreciate feedback on whether or not to require face coverings. In order to get a more complete picture, please take time to fill out our survey, mark the statement in this survey that aligns most closely with your thoughts regarding face coverings for the 2021-22 school year.

[PHSD Survey on Face Coverings for School Year 2021-22](#)

Respectfully:

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Pleasant Hill School District