

### PHSD Weekly Update

# COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC INFORMATION

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## For the week of February 14-18:

PHSD Confirmed two positive Covid-19 cases on site.

#### FIRSTVIEW® BUS TRACKING APP

Parents may track their student's bus before and after school with the new FirstView® app. More information can be found on the <u>transportation page</u> of the PHSD website, or by contacting the dedicated customer support team.

FirstView Customer Support Team: 888.889.8920

#### Superintendent's Latest Announcement: Pg 3

Following ODE updates regarding mask regulations

Please return <u>all</u>
Chromebook
Chargers you may
have borrowed.

#### Side Notes:

These newsletters can be found on PHSD website (<u>link</u> here)

More on Pg 3: District update from Supt. Linenberger

Next <u>School Board</u> Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 at 7:00pm

For updated athletics schedules visit the <u>Billies</u>
<u>Athletics</u> Website

Happy "Twos-day!"

#### **Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic**

PHSD will be hosting another Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic for Lane County Public Health.

Scheduling will be available the Friday before the clinic. Follow the links below to schedule your appointment or find out more information.

Where: Pleasant Hill High School Student Center

Dates: Friday, February 25th, 2022

Times: 4pm – 7pm

Lane County Public Health Covid-19 Vaccine Page

**Covid-19 Vaccine Scheduling** 



#### **Covid-19 Testing Clinics**

Lane County Public Health has set up a local testing site here in Pleasant Hill. Follow the links below for scheduling and more information.

Registration for testing will open at 12pm on the Monday prior to the event.

Where: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church – 84520 N. Enterprise Rd, Pleasant Hill

Dates: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 and every other Tuesday to follow

Times: 2pm – 4pm

Lane County Public Health Covid-19 Testing Page

**Covid-19 Testing Registration** 



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#### Commitment, Excellence, Community

#### Dear Pleasant Hill Community:

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has informed school districts around the state that students and staff may be able to attend school without wearing masks beginning March 31<sup>st</sup>. In conjunction with Lane Public Health Authority (LPHA), we as a school district (PHSD) are working towards the transition of making masking optional for onsite learning. Our goal is to allow families to make the choice of whether or not you want your child to wear a mask while at school.

The downside to making masks optional, as Director Gill of ODE explained, is the changes that would happen if PHSD chooses to forgo indoor masking. One of the biggest changes is that without universal masking, schools will not be able to use the "Test-to-Stay Protocol" that allows students and staff to attend school during a quarantine period. Test-to-Stay is a state program which allows PHSD to offer on-site rapid testing to students and staff if they're believed to be a close contact with someone who is positive with COVID-19. This is intended to limit the number of students and staff sent home immediately after being exposed to COVID-19. It's available for unvaccinated students and staff, and those who are vaccinated but not "up-to-date" if they are eligible for a booster shot. However, universal use of face coverings remains a prerequisite for the Test-to-Stay Protocol.

The general quarantine guidance for students and staff returning from their five-day quarantine will include continued masking while indoors for days six through 10. This is because Test-to-Stay hinges on the definition between masked and unmasked situations, only defining exposures in unmasked situations when universal masking is involved. When universal masking is not involved, it changes what the state considers a definition of exposure for the purpose of contact tracing.

So, PHSD moving forward without universal masking will be required to revert to the general definition of "exposure." "Exposure" is defined as someone who has been: within 6 feet of a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more within one day, or in contact with "the infectious secretions" of a confirmed or presumptive COVID-19 case, such as a sneeze or cough. The potential is the possibility for more days out of school for unvaccinated students and staff.

Students will still be required to wear masks on school buses, regardless of the decision by PHSD to forgo required masking in the classroom. Masking on public transit is still a federal mandate, and school buses fall under this category. This federal mandate is set to end on March 19<sup>th</sup>, but please remember it could also be extended.

As I have put this message together for you on Monday February  $21^{st}$ , this message will be sent out to you on the afternoon of February  $22^{nd}$ . Please note Director Gill is holding a meeting with superintendents throughout the state later this week, I may have another update in the near future.

Respectfully: Scott Linenberger Superintendent Pleasant Hill School District