

PLEASANT HILL



PHSD WEEKLY UPDATE

PHHS/PHMS:

If your student will miss any part of the school day, please contact the school office: 541.747.4541.

Middle School Students interested in joining the new Book Club, meet in Room 18 on Wednesday during Middle School Lunch. Bring your current book ready to share!

High School Career/College information is available in the counseling office. See Mrs. Duval and/or Ms. Ruiz for information.

Seniors: Submit your senior picture to Mr. Meitzen by the end of the month. Contact Mr. Meitzen for more information.

PHES Reminders from the Office:

If you are keeping your child home, PLEASE call the office attendance line: 541.736.0411.

If your student's after school transportation plans change, please **send a note** with your child, **or** call the school office **before 1:30pm** for bus notes to get to classrooms.

Announcements/Other:

- For the week of January 17-21, PHSD confirmed 13 positive cases of Covid-19 onsite.
- PHSD and other surrounding districts have updated their protocols to continue to offer winter athletics. More information on [OSAA](#) or [PH Athletics](#) pages
- **No School** – Friday, January 28th, 2022. Teacher Grading Day.
- **Exclusion Day** – Feb 16th, all students who are not up-to-date or complete on required immunizations will be excluded from school. Letters will be sent home soon with more info. For clarifications, contact your family's health care provider. [School Nurse Ms. Jensen](#) can also help answer questions.
- **New Covid Guidance** – Contact tracing and notification processes have been updated by OHA and LPHA. See page 2 for an announcement from Superintendent Linenberger with more details.



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Dear Pleasant Hill Community:

January 24, 2022

RE: Investigative Guidance Update

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Lane Public Health Authority (LPHA) released new contact tracing and notification recommendations for K-12 settings. These recommendations will lessen the overall burden of contact tracing on K-12 partners, while ensuring that high-risk exposures continue to be identified.

OHA will no longer consider masked contact in K-12 settings, including school buses, to be an exposure regardless of distancing. The updated guidance will strongly advise students and staff to maintain physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.

LPHA will no longer require PHSD to consider masked contact in K-12 settings (including on school buses) to be an exposure regardless of distancing. Physical distancing should still be practiced to the greatest extent possible.

This means, when an individual has tested positive for Covid-19 and is onsite during regular student contact time (the school day), those individuals who properly wear their masks are no longer considered to be in close contact and may continue to be onsite for their education. Thus, under this new guidance, PHSD will only investigate a case if the infected student was around peers who weren't masked.

There is a caveat. When individuals are at lunch, with their masks off while eating, they need to be at a minimum 6 feet apart, less than 15 minutes in close proximity, in order to not be considered a close contact should there be a positive Covid-19 case in the vicinity.

We have another new protocol change. Communication to all families when we have identified a positive Covid-19 case onsite will no longer be our process. PHSD will contact only those families who have a positive case of Covid-19 identified or those families who we have determined to be in close contact to a positive Covid-19 case.

Respectfully:
Scott Linenberger
Superintendent
Pleasant Hill School District