



# HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 3, 2020

Dear Hood River County School District families,

Hood River County is able to reopen elementary schools for on-site or hybrid learning for students in kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5) according to the updated Oregon Department of Education (ODE) metrics. **As of today, the earliest possible start of on-site or hybrid learning for K-5 students is still Monday, Nov. 30.**

## **COVID-19 in Hood River County**

Hood River County School District (HRCSD) reviewed the ODE [updated metrics](#) along with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) [weekly county metrics report](#). Given Hood River County's case count and test positivity rate over the past two weeks, HRCSD falls within the yellow zone of the updated metrics.

Time Period	Case Count	Test Positivity Rate (%)	Can K-5 Open?	Can 6-12 Open?
10/18/2020 - 10/31/2020	23	5.80%	Yes, On-Site or Hybrid	No, CDL*

\*Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) will be the instructional model used for students in sixth through twelfth grade until elementary schools demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment.

## **Plans to Reopen Schools**

**The earliest possible start of on-site or hybrid learning for K-5 students is still Monday, Nov. 30.** More information will be provided next week. In the meantime, HRCSD will continue to meet with school administrators and staff to address instructional and operational issues to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students as they return to their neighborhood schools. Parents/guardians of K-5 students will receive an additional email this evening that includes information on school district transportation and a bus ridership request form.

At this time, Hood River County does not meet the metrics to reopen schools for middle and high school students. **Middle school and high school students will remain in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL).**

As HRCSD continues to review the metrics and make plans for a transition to on-site or hybrid learning, it is important to remind students and families of upcoming school closures.

Friday, Nov. 6: School staff work day

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day

Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving break

Please follow the guidance shared by One Community Health staff, "[COVID-19 questions and answers interview](#)," as the holiday season approaches. We need our community's help in bringing our students back to their schools. HRCSD continues to encourage everyone in our community to wear face coverings, wash their hands, stay home if they are sick, and practice physical distancing.

Take care,

Rich Polkinghorn

Hood River County School District, Superintendent