



November 20, 2020

Dear Community,

I have two important items to share with you today:

1. Due to the continued high number of COVID-19 cases in Jackson County, we still cannot open to regular on-site learning. **As a result, we will continue with Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) through the month of December.** I will give more detail on the new metrics and our actual numbers below. We will decide what school will look like in January by December 17th.
2. The Rogue River School District encourages you to be familiar with the [Governor's Travel Advisory](#). For the safety of all students and staff, please help your child follow the self-quarantine guidelines for non-essential travel outlined in the advisory. Should your child need to self-quarantine, please let your school know so they can work with you to support your child's learning needs.

Additional details about the new ODE/OHA metrics for school re-opening and how our county is doing:

[new metrics for re-opening](#)

[school metrics data](#)

Using the links above, you can find both the new metrics for re-opening and the most current data showing how counties in Oregon are doing with COVID-19 cases.

The new metrics are more lenient than the original metrics Oregon received over the summer. Unfortunately, Jackson County has a cases per 100,000 number of 421.6 which places us in the Red Zone of the new metric model. Because of this, we are not allowed to bring students back on site at this time. Even with these new metrics, it would appear we are still a ways off before we can get our COVID-19 infection rate low enough to go back to green and bring all of our learners back on campus full-time.

We continue to be very grateful for all the students and families working hard to make the most of their learning opportunities through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lee

Superintendent

Rogue River School District #35