



Philomath School District 17J

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Board of Directors

Superintendent's Report

May 17, 2021

RSSL Updates:

- Most recent updates to the **Ready Schools, Safe Learners** guidance was released to school districts on Friday, April 2nd.
- Preliminary guidance considerations for the 2021-2022 school year will be available next week (May 24-28, 2021).
- Final guidance for the 2021-2022 school year is expected to publish on July 19, 2021.

Benton County Metrics:

Time Period	Case Count	Cases per 100,000	Test Positivity
04/25/2021 – 05/08/2021	204	215.5	3.3%
04/18/2021 – 05/01/2021	199	210.2	2.6%
04/11/2021 – 04/24/2021	179	189.1	2.6%
04/04/2021 – 04/17/2021	128	135.7	2.6%
03/28/2021 – 04/10/2021	106	112.3	2.4%
03/21/2021 – 04/03/2021	110	116.6	3.1%
03/14/2021 – 03/27/2021	111	117.6	2.7%
03/07/2021 – 03/20/2021	119	126.1	1.7%
02/28/2021 – 03/13/2021	99	104.9	1.5%

- Athletics participation at Philomath High School have moved to the ‘High’ county risk level.
 - Indoor Capacity: 10% occupancy or 50 people total, whichever is larger.
 - Indoor full-contact sports (basketball and wrestling) allowed with submitted plan.
- Spring sports will finish with championship events this week.
- Current teams beginning competition include the following winter sports:
 - Basketball
 - Swimming
 - Wrestling
- PHS winter sports league contests will conclude on June 16, 2021.
- Philomath Middle School is offering Track & Field for interested students this spring. All competition will be virtual, with times/ distances determined with home team only. The final meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 27th.

Returning Students for Additional Time in School:

- As you may hear in school reports later this evening, extension of student time at school has been met with great success!
- Transportation has been a bit of a struggle however working out the bugs. Dismissing high school before elementary is difficult, as the increase in traffic from PHS creates a bottleneck.

COVID-19 Cases:

- COVID-19 Dashboard added to PSD website, listing weekly update of case counts in schools.
- Communication protocols for confirmed cases consist of the following:
 - Personal communication with all personally impacted families needing to quarantine;
 - E-mail to all families and staff in impacted school, as well as ancillary district staff, acknowledging positive case; and
 - E-mail to all district families acknowledging positive case.
- When a student or staff member is considered to be a 'close contact' with positive individual, student or staff must quarantine for 14 days from date of outbreak. Additional outbreaks in cohort may extend length of individual quarantine.
- All cases and responses are vetted through the Benton County Health Department.
- Students, Staff, and Families:
 - Please join me in 'staying the course' for the final weeks of the school year. We would hate for something like social distancing and/or face covering requirements to jeopardize planned end-of-year activities, including graduation.

COVID Vaccination Clinics:

- Thanks to the Benton County Health Department for offering a vaccination clinic in Blodgett. The event, which took place at Blodgett Elementary School on Thursday, May 13th, was very successful.
- The second session at Blodgett is scheduled for Thursday, June 10th, from 4:00pm-7:00pm. (Offering Moderna vaccine, approved for anyone 18 years of age or older).
- Kings Valley Charter School is hosting a clinic tomorrow (05/18) from 4:00pm-7:00pm. (Offering Moderna vaccine, approved for anyone 18 years of age or older).
- The US Food and Drug Administration has expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to include adolescents 12-15 years of age. (Original authorization, issued on 12/11/2020, was for administration for individuals 16 years of age and older).
 - Under Oregon law, "minors 15 years of age and older may consent to medical treatment, including vaccinations, when provided by a physician, physician assistant, naturopath, nurse practitioner, dentist, optometrist, or other professionals operating under the license of these providers."
 - Written consent from a parent or guardian is required for individuals 12-14 years of age. This consent does not require that a parent or guardian be present during vaccination. Written consent may be obtained in advance.
- Teen Vaccine Day, scheduled for Thursday, May 20th, from 11:00am-7:00pm, at Oregon State University Reser Stadium (00 SW 26th Street, Corvallis). Clinic is open to anyone 12 years of age or older.

Grant Support:

- Thanks to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contributions Fund for awarding \$1,694.00 to the Clemens Community Pool for the purchase of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator).
- Thanks to Daniel Mikula, Clemens Community Pool Director, for requesting funds to support our pool operations!

Oregon Statewide Assessment:

- Opt-In selection form was sent to families on May 12, 2021. Families interested in student participation are completing the online form-- <https://forms.gle/7hYedt44HttFFDfj9>
- Requests must be completed by this Friday, May 21st.

Technology Updates:

- Following approval at the April meeting of the Philomath School Board, installation of new intercom and bell systems has begun for Clemens Primary School, Philomath Elementary School, and Philomath Middle School. All systems will be in place no later than June 30, 2021.

Summer Session:

Date	Activity
June 14-25, 2021	Credit Recovery (High School)
August 2-27, 2021	K-8 Enrichment (One-week opportunities)
August 2-27, 2021	K-5 Literacy Camp
August 16-23, 2021	Kindergarten Jump Start
August TBD	Summer Bridge Program (8 th -9 th Grade)

Student Success Act:

- Currently planning for 2021-2022 activities for the Student Investment Account (SIA) portion of the Student Success Act (SSA).
- A survey will be shared with families, staff, and community members to assess priorities for use of these funds. Critical areas for allowable expenses in Philomath consist of the following:
 - Health & Safety;
 - Increased Instructional Time; and
 - Well-Rounded Education.
- The following items were supported in the initial plan, created in the spring of 2020, with two additions:

Health & Safety	Increased Instructional Time	Well-Rounded Education
• Late Afternoon Bus Route(s)	• After-School Tutors	• Elementary Drama
• Mental Health Support Staff	• AVID Implementation	• Athletic Participation Fees
• Professional Learning	• ELD Instruction Support	• Drama Participation Fees
• PSD Security Upgrades	• ↑ Instructional Assistants	• PSD Equity Team & PL
	• ↑ RTIi Licensed Staff	• Instructional Materials
		• Professional Learning
		• Summer Bridge
		• School Improvement Staff

Last Day of School for Students:

- With the exception of Blodgett Elementary School, plan to keep the same schedule for students on the last day of school—June 11, 2021.