

Dear Dayton Families,

January 4, 2021

We hope that you had a happy and healthy holiday season. I am writing to let you know how the Governor's announcement will impact the reopening of schools in the Dayton School District. This situation is, of course, still fluid and decisions will be made based on case rates in Yamhill County and case counts in our local zip code. Our top priority is ensuring the safety of students and staff.

On December 23, Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that beginning January 1, 2021 the Health Metrics for returning to In-Person Instruction will be advisory rather than mandatory. It has been almost 10 months since Dayton schools were closed to in-person instruction. We are all eager to have our students return. The Governor set a target date of February 15, 2021 for students to return to in-person learning prioritizing elementary students. The Governor requested that we all work together to help make this transition happen. We are expecting that school staff will have the option of being vaccinated against COVID-19 in late January or early February.

The Dayton School Board will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 PM on January 12, 2021 via zoom, <https://bit.ly/3oCes15>. We are expecting more guidance from ODE and OHA on or around January 19, 2021.

We will be working over the next few weeks to update our plans for resuming In-Person Instruction. We will begin offering Limited In-Person Instruction to identified students on January 12, 2021. We will carefully review county and local zip code data as we look to expand Limited In-Person Instruction and eventually a return to a hybrid model of In-Person Instruction. The hybrid model will have students attending school on alternate days. Students in Cohort A on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and students in cohort B on Wednesdays and Fridays. Families will have the option of continuing Comprehensive Distance Learning if they prefer continuing CDL to returning to In-Person Instruction.

Please watch our website and social media for more updates in the coming weeks. We are dedicated to providing a safe and exceptional educational experience for our students, families and community. Please contact your child's school with any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Sugg, D.ED.  
Superintendent  
Dayton School District #8