

Dear Dayton Families,

November 19, 2020

The Dayton Community has suffered a COVID-19 outbreak during the past couple of weeks and has had many positive test results. The district has had staff work from home and has suspended activities, and limited in-person instruction until November 30 in order to help slow the spread of the virus.

The Dayton School District recognizes how important it is to return to in-person instruction as soon as it is safe to do so. However due to the recent spike in cases we will continue to provide education through comprehensive distance learning and in the meantime we have plans to resume limited in-person instruction for students as soon as it is safe.

We know you are as excited about re-opening our schools as we are, and in order for us to achieve that goal, we must lower the case count in our county and especially our community. We all must wear our face coverings, social distance and avoid large crowds. Following these measures will help us get to re-opening quicker. Once case counts remain low we can carefully proceed with re-opening. We have prepared plans to return students to classrooms in a hybrid model once case rates have lowered to state requirements. Our plan begins with bringing K-3 students back and then progresses with grades 4-5, 6-8, and finally 9-12 in two-week increments, with each phase depending on case counts at the time. We will announce the dates two weeks prior to returning each grade band via social media, website, phone calls, and the school district app.

Reopening Schedule (Dependent upon Yamhill County Case Counts)

Timing	Grades
December 3 & 4 - No Zoom classes or office hours for Grades K-5 for staff training	K-5
Phase 1	K-3
Phase 2 (Two School Weeks after Phase 1 if county case counts allow)	4-5
Phase 3 (Two School Weeks after Phase 2 if county case counts allow)	6-8
Phase 4 (Two School Weeks after Phase 3 if county case counts allow)	9-12

We know these are difficult times and that our plans continue to change. We will provide more information, including dates, as soon as we are able to do so. We appreciate your patience and support during this unusual year.

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