



NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Inspiring individual excellence, instilling diligence,
and initiating life-long learning.*

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NESTUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY,

As Tillamook county begins to see a slow decline in the COVID 19 positivity rate, and as a district we have been made aware of fewer of our families infected with the virus, we can begin to plan for a launch to In-Person learning. Below you will find a schedule of our anticipated start dates for In-Person Learning for each age group in the Nestucca Valley SD. Prior to the launch of In-Person, we need **EVERY** family to complete a form about transportation and preferred instructional model. We need families to complete **one of these forms for each of your** children enrolled in the NVSD, regardless of the instructional method you choose. So if you have two students, you need to fill out the survey two times. This link is for K-12th grade students, NVELC will be sending out a similar survey soon.

Here is a link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCCC6YT>

Please complete the survey/s as soon as possible.

The COVID 19 vaccine mandate presents staffing challenges for our district. We are hoping that families will help with this staffing shortage. Dropping off and picking up your child at school each day is one way to help us in the area of transportation. This allows our district to offer bus routes with fewer drivers. We understand that transportation is a challenge for some families and will strive to meet those needs. However, anyone that is able to transport their child will help ease the transportation crunch until we are able to put more drivers in place. This also will allow us to launch In-Person Learning sooner rather than later.

As a district, we were mindful in our planning and anticipated that when we did return to In-Person learning, we would have families that desired to stay in CDL. We will be honoring those families requests by offering instruction virtually for those that do not wish to move to In-Person Learning yet. Our preference is to have our students attend In-Person, but understand some families may have an immunocompromised family member and wish to access CDL for now. We have launched school this week in a virtual format. That format will be a useful tool for our families and teachers as we learn to negotiate the DELTA variant in our school buildings. Even while practicing all safety precautions, we

may encounter an instance where one of our staff and/or students come into contact with COVID, resulting in a prescribed quarantine. While in quarantine, students and staff will be able to access the virtual classroom to stay involved with their cohort.

I have been learning from peers in other districts that they are having to quarantine students and entire classrooms, but that the transmission of the virus is less likely to occur in the school setting. Rather, the virus is contracted outside of school, on “off school hours” and activities, and then brought into the school. The safety protocols that we follow in school protect our students and staff well, but we still choose to quarantine close contacts as an extra precaution to stop the spread. When you include the safety protocols of a vaccinated staff, and students 12 and older who have chosen to get vaccinated, we are creating a safer environment in our schools. Even though we are working together to keep cases out of our schools, I can state with certainty it is not a matter of “if” we will have to quarantine some students, it is “when”. Please openly communicate with the school when you learn of a positive case and/or your child exhibits symptoms. When a child exhibits symptoms, please keep them home.

To gain a greater insight into what we will be doing to make schools safe during In-Person Learning, please reference our Resiliency Framework here:
<https://www.nestucca.k12.or.us/do/content/SafeReturntoInPersonInstructionandContinuityofServicesPlan.pdf>

In review of the latest COVID 19 cases data in the county, we are gearing up to begin bringing students back next week. However, we will not be offering district transportation until the week of September 27th.

NVSD TRANSITION TO IN PERSON LEARNING

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-24 NO DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

Monday, September 20: Limited In Person Instruction(LIPI) for a handful of students K-12 grades. These students and families have already been contacted, and if you have not been contacted then your child is not eligible for LIPI.

Wednesday, September 22: 6th-12th grade students return to In-Person Learning

Friday, September 24: Kindergarten class begins In-Person Learning

DISTRICT BUSSING/TRANSPORTATION BEGINS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27

To ease our Bus Driver shortage, we encourage as much parent transportation as possible

Monday, September 27: 1st-5th grade students return to In-Person learning

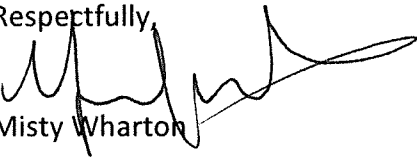
THE DISTRICT DOES NOT TRANSPORT PRE-K STUDENTS

Monday, October 4: Pre- K classes return to In-Person Learning

We are so thankful that our families have invested in the CDL model with us over the last few days. CDL will be an essential tool for us to offer instruction to all students throughout this year, as we deal with any quarantines that need to be instituted. While CDL is not all families favorite activity (maybe not most people's favorite activity at this point!), CDL is essential to running a school district during this pandemic. We are hopeful that all community members will take the steps needed to keep our schools clear of the COVID 19 virus by practicing all safety measures on not only district grounds, but on your free time as well. We are very excited to welcome our students back, and look to families as our greatest partner in deterring the spread of the virus, so that we are able to keep our doors open to all. Clear communication from families to school and from school to families will be the first line of defense in protecting our school community from the spread of COVID 19. Please ask questions, seek clarification and inform our district of possible COVID exposure. As a district, we will practice the same communication. I know I speak for all staff when I say

WE CANNOT WAIT TO WELCOME THE STUDENTS BACK NEXT WEEK!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Misty Wharton', written over the printed name.

Misty Wharton

