

Last Friday, we sent an email explaining that a new set of guidance came out from the Oregon Department of Education. The Ready Schools Safe Learners Resiliency replaces previous versions of the lengthy document that has been our guidance since last summer. In this document, the state allows out more local control at the school and county level for most decisions, while setting some specific statewide requirements.

The school will be adhering to the following mitigation strategies, **effective Wednesday, June 30th:**

Protective Gear: Face coverings are optional and available for all students and staff. If a student or staff member does not have access to a face covering and would like one, we can provide one to them.

Social Distancing: We will maintain social distancing in the classroom and while eating meals or snacks. We will also try to eat meals outside, when possible.

Cohorting: We will continue with individual class cohorting when indoors throughout the school day.

Hand Hygiene: We will continue to encourage frequent hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizer throughout the day.

Environmental Cleaning & Disinfection: We clean surfaces, especially high-touch areas thoroughly daily. We use effective chemicals and a hydrostatic machine to disinfect surfaces.

Airflow & Circulation: We will incorporate as much airflow as possible with natural air movement and the use of HEPA air purifiers and filters. We will have students outside as much as possible during the day, weather permitting.

Daily Health Screenings & Sick Room: We will continue screening adults and students in our school. If they are demonstrating possible symptoms of illness, we will quarantine them as needed.

In case of a significant change in positive rates in our local area, our district will consult with the Polk County Health Department to assess the situation and address strategies, which may need modification.

In addition to these health protocols, we will continue to focus on the mental well-being of our students as well. We encourage students and parents to connect with school personnel if any issues arise. We are very concerned about the health of our students. Please email our mental health specialist, Haley Hmura, if you have any concerns. Her email address is hbmra@perrydale.k12.or.us.

If you would like to view the new Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework, please click on the link below:

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Ready%20Schools%20Safe%20Learners%20Resiliency%20Framework%20for%20the%202021-22%20School%20Year.pdf>

If you have any questions about the new document or the changes we have made at the state and/or local level, please feel free to email me or schedule a time to come see me.