

October 13, 2020

Dear Knappa Community:

We continue to enjoy serving our community's students. Although we prefer to work with the students in-person, we understand the necessity of being online for now and are working hard to make their learning experiences good ones. The Clatsop County COVID-19 numbers are much improved this week, while the state numbers are about the same.

Here is our current operating status and some additional information.

This week's OHA/ODE numbers arrived this morning. Please see them in the chart below.

	Maximum	Five Week Trend					K-12 Met? 3-week trend?	K-3 Exception Met	Rural Exception Met
Case Positivity - Oregon	5%	5.0%	5.7%	6.0%	6.3%	6.4%	No		
Case Positivity - Clatsop Co	5%	4.5%	8.7%	24.6%	2.0%	0.4%	Yes		
Cases per 100,000 Clatsop Co.	10 for K-12	12.7	43.2	233.9	35.6	10.2	No		
	30 for K-3	12.7	43.2	233.9	35.6	10.2	No	Week 1 met	
	30 for Rural	12.7	43.2	233.9	35.6	10.2	Yes		
							No		Week 1 met

With these lower case and positivity rates, we are on the first step back toward K-3 in-person instruction AND opening of the high school for hybrid learning. If the numbers hold at these rates, we anticipate being able to offer both of these types of instruction starting the week of October 26. As we get closer to that date, we will have more definite information about specific dates and transportation information.

Consistent with state guidance, limited in-person instruction, day care, and athletic conditioning, are occurring now.

Internet access is available at the Crossroads Community Church (MWThF) and Brownsmead Grange (daily) as well. This is accessible from 8:30-2:30 daily by checking in with the daycare personnel and is staffed with tech help from 9-11 (CCC) and 12-2 (Grange).

Thank you for your flexibility in these times of change. We continue to work, despite the challenges of online learning, to provide the best education possible.

Please continue to stay safe. Wearing masks in public, social distancing, and frequent sanitizing are all things we can do to keep our community healthy. Please reinforce the importance of staying safe while at school and in the community. This will help all of us prevent disease transmission.

The district will continue to monitor these case numbers in collaboration with the Clatsop County Health Department.

We are glad to have the students with us online, so that we can fulfill our mission to “*INSPIRE all learners to ACHIEVE academically and THRIVE as independent and PRODUCTIVE citizens.*”

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