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Since March of this year, COVID-19 has been spreading in Oregon and while there has been promising recent news on treatments and vaccines, unfortunately this pandemic will be with us for some time to come. Clatsop County Department of Public Health is continuing to respond to this incident by building capacity for and conducting testing, investigating diagnosed and presumptive cases, providing supports for those who need to isolate or quarantine to recover and protect others, and conducting multiple other activities in support of the organizations, business and residents of the county.

In August of this year, at the invitation of the School District administrators and school nursing staff, Clatsop County Public Health joined in a comprehensive collaborative effort to advise and provide recommendations for a commonly utilized School Pandemic Response Plan. Guided by CDC, OHA, ODE guidance, and incorporating specific Local Public health recommendations, this work produced a mutually agreed upon set of practices and procedures, expressing a unified approach for Clatsop County school districts to help keep students, teachers, staff and residents safe and healthy.

The following Organizations and School Districts were involved in this project:

Astoria School District
Jewell School District
Knappa School District

Seaside School District
Warrenton Hammond School
District

NW Regional ESD
Clatsop Public Health

The Public Health Department is grateful for the remarkable cooperation between the partners in this collaboration. We wish to express our great thanks and appreciation to the School Districts, their superintendents and their staff for their work on this effort.

Sincerely,

Mike McNickle
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