

January 12, 2021

Dear Knappa Community:

It is nice to be back with the students as we embark on the new calendar year together. We have received the county metrics for the previous two-week period. The County Case Rate is 259.3 per 100,000 and the case positivity rate is 6.5%. This is similar to last week, and we remain in the “red” metric zone. The state of Oregon saw a rise in cases, and an increase in case positivity.

Within the school, only one of our employees remains in quarantine. We are able to operate with this person on leave.

We will continue to operate the schools under their current status:

- grades K-3 with in-person instruction, five days per week,
- grade 4 two-hours per day, five days per week (and distance learning),
- grades 5-8, two hours per day on MT or ThF (and distance learning),
- the KVA program for all grade levels, and
- grades 9-12, hybrid instruction.

Athletics are not tied to school status, but rather county recreation guidance. Given this week’s metrics, indoor athletic conditioning must cease by Friday of this week (January 15). Please seek information from your coach or the athletic director regarding the schedule for this week as we cease for a while.

The District will continue to monitor the state data and will advise the community of any changes.

Please remember that families who wish to join KVA (or resume our regular program) can use the change portal which is posted on our website. ***The deadline for making semester changes is Friday, January 15***, and the changes will occur on February 2. Once students are established in the new term, the next opportunity to make changes will be April 22.

Please remember to be safe. Only by practicing appropriate safety measures can we keep schools open to in-person instruction. Please wear masks, maintain social distancing, and limit gatherings to your immediate family. Also, if students or family members are ill, please keep students home, and call to let us know what is going on.

We are doing our very best to maintain quality instruction. Please work to maintain safety so that students can be in school and so that businesses may be successful.

All the best,

Bill Fritz, Ph.D.

Superintendent

Knappa School District #4