



OMAK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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October 9, 2020

Dear Omak School District Families/Guardians, Staff, Students and Community Members,

We will bring our first cohort of P-5 students to the buildings on Monday, October 12. We have spent many hours planning how to open safely for students and staff. We believe that our plan is solid, but we also acknowledge that we are working in a fluid environment and our plans may need to be adjusted on the fly. You will note that I repeatedly state, “As of today” because plans are ever changing. Many details have been shared with the staff and parents/guardians of students in each building, but here are some highlights:

- We have continued to work closely with the Okanogan County Department of Health. As I have stated from the beginning, we are trusting their expertise to guide us. We are going to continue following the safe and methodical reopening plan that our Department of Health (DOH) has approved.
- Each building has an entrance plan for students and staff. All students and staff are required to complete a daily attestation form, check temperatures, wear face masks and maintain 6 feet of distancing in classrooms and hallways. As of today, the social distancing requirement prevents us from bringing back all our students at once.
- If a student is found to have COVID-like symptoms, they will immediately be isolated, and parents notified to take the student in for testing. The results of the test will determine our next course of action, as directed by our Okanogan County Department of Health.
- K-5 students are divided into groups:
  - Group A will come to schools on Monday-Tuesday
  - Group B will come to schools on Thursday-Friday
  - Preschool’s schedule is unique and has been shared with their families
- Daily cleaning of high touch areas will occur, and “safe and sanitary” cleaning will take place on Wednesdays to prepare for the next group. The volume of fresh air has been increased in each building, as well as increasing the filtration levels of our HVAC systems.
- At this time, the face-to-face teaching schedule will stay approximately the same as the remote learning schedule for consistency. Students will continue with remote learning on the days that they are not face-to-face and will have opportunities for “office hours” so they can connect with their teachers each day. Families may continue utilizing only remote learning if they wish.
- Meals will continue to be delivered on the bus in the morning for those students who are learning remotely. Students who come in for face-to-face instruction will return home at lunchtime, having meals provided at school.
- Bottled water will be available in each classroom, as water faucets are not allowed to be used.
- Details are still being worked out, but as of today grades 6-12 will bring their first small cohort in on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The cohorts will be monitored for two weeks. If our numbers hold, additional students will be brought in on November 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will be provided by the 6-12 building principals.
- As of today, sports do not have any competitions scheduled. However, we will be allowed to conduct indoor practices beginning October 19<sup>th</sup>. Strict requirements will be enforced, including frequent hand washing, cohorts of 6 students or less, and practice timelines.

Thank you for your continued support,

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