

ALL MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING 5 DAYS A WEEK ON FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Health and safety have been our priority as we planned for a responsible return to school. We care deeply about our students, staff, and families. We have implemented layers of precautions, including facial coverings, hand sanitizer throughout our schools, frequent hand-washing, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures. We take these measures most seriously.

To limit the spread of COVID-19 in the greater Oconto community, we encourage students, staff, and families to follow safety precautions in their time away from work and school. A community-wide focus on health and safety will support the students we serve. Your efforts will keep our students in a face-to-face learning model.

Every day before leaving home, families should complete a self-health assessment, asking themselves three vital questions:

- *Has your child experienced one of these symptoms: fever of 100.4 or above and or vomiting or diarrhea; OR a combination of the following symptoms: a new cough, new onset of shortness of breath, or new loss of taste or smell; OR two or more of the following symptoms: chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, fatigue, running nose, or congestion in the last 24 hours?*
- *Is your child waiting for a Covid-19 test result?*
- *Has anyone in your household been diagnosed with Covid-19 in the last 14 days?*

If they answer "yes" to any of these questions, they are expected to stay home.

Five days of in-person academic, social and emotional instruction will best help our students move forward. Though routines will look different, we will keep responsible operations at the forefront as we monitor our local data. We will continue to share our weekly health data through our [Health Dashboard](#) on our website. Open communication with our families is important to us. Therefore we will share any change in the learning environment if we see the impact of COVID negatively affecting our abilities to have teachers and students on site.

We are encouraged with our return for all our students. Thank you for your support and remembering that together we can keep providing **EXCELLENCE** at OUSD.

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