



**August 10, 2020**

## **D6 Schools will begin the school year with remote learning**

Based upon Jackson County data today, District 6 schools will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> with remote learning for all students through December 1, 2020. Currently, Jackson County does not meet the [Governor's standards](#) for re-opening schools for in-person learning, even for grades K-3. D6 will monitor the data weekly and provide regular updates for families about potential opening for K-3 prior to December 1st. *The following information includes some important dates and a brief FAQ.*

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### **August 10—December 8**

*Data monitoring for potential K-3 on site learning*

### **August 17--20**

*Registration for all D6 schools*

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>**

*First day of school for all students, K-12, via remote learning with your child's teacher(s)*

### **September 8<sup>th</sup>—December 1**

*Data monitoring continues for potential re-opening prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> for K-3 (families may continue remote learning)*

### **December 1**

*Tentative date to open buildings for all students (families may continue remote learning).*

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## **FAQ**

***What are the standards that must be met to open for on-site instruction either on or before December 1st?***

[Governor Brown defined the standards for schools to open](#) and currently, the standards include:

- <10 cases per week, per 100,000 (that's <22 cases per week in Jackson County) AND,
- <5% positive rate for Oregon
- <30 cases per week per 100,000 for K-3 on-site instruction (<64 cases per week in Jackson County).

[These standards](#) must be met for 3 consecutive weeks in order to open schools. Please note that these are the "current" requirements—things seem to change quickly!

***The standards for K-3 will be easier for the district to meet, could that mean an earlier re-opening date for K-3?***

Yes. While our target is to transition at trimesters, if the standards allow for K-3 on-site, we'll begin transitioning K-3 to schools before other grade levels. This will give our youngest students a chance to adapt to the school protocols. Please note that families may always choose remote learning for their children, even if schools are open.

***What if the county meets the standard for grades 4-12 prior to the end of the trimester?***

The start dates for possible in person instruction are designed to give families plenty of notice and for natural academic transition times (trimester changes). However, if the county data begins a downward trend with three weeks of data that meets the standard, and/or if there are other changes that would allow reopening prior to December 1, D6 schools will initiate a "soft re-opening" prior to December 1, to begin transitioning to "on-site" instruction.

***What can we expect with remote learning?***

District 6 schools will provide remote learning directed by your child's regular classroom teacher including content from [Acellus](#), a robust and proven digital learning platform. Content from [Acellus](#) will be carefully chosen and customized by your child's teacher. Remote learning in D6 schools will include all of the elements that make D6 schools great—projects, activities, interaction with the teacher and classmates and opportunities for learning that doesn't involve the computer including social-emotional learning.

***What if the COVID cases begin to decline?***

We'll keep D6 families informed as we follow the weekly data so that you will know whether or not we are on-track to re-open. If at all possible, our schools will open for "in-person" instruction on December 1 (second trimester). If we don't meet the [standards](#) for all grade levels and we do meet the standard to open for K-3, we'll serve K-3 students on site.

***What happens when "on-site" instruction begins?***

Once we open our doors, families will be able to [choose the best learning option](#) for their child ([click here for more information about the choices](#)):

- **Continue with remote learning** (with your regular classroom teacher and [Acellus](#))
- **Attend school in a "hybrid" model** (partial days at elementary and partial weeks at middle and high school, with some remote learning completed at home).
- **Attend school full time**—this option also includes remote learning, but students complete it on site.

All learning options are designed to allow for seamless transition between remote, hybrid and full-time learning. No matter which option you choose, your child's learning will be directed by his or her regular classroom teacher.

***What other supports and resources will D6 offer during closure?***

You can expect more detailed information in coming weeks, but these are the resources and supports we're currently developing to offer during closure:

- The D6 Express will deliver meals, materials, library books and other resources to multiple locations in the district, daily.
- Meals will also be available at school sites (currently, CPE, JES, Crater and PES).
- Student services (access to our school counselors and student services coordinators for resources, personal counseling and academic counseling).

- Supports for Special Education Students and English Language Learners.
- Chromebooks or devices for students who need them; tech support for students and families.
- Mental health services and physical health services through *La Clinica*.
- Childcare through partner organizations.
- Support, consultation and resources for **neighborhood and community micro-schools**--  
*neighborhood micro-schools are typically fewer than 10 students, organized by and supervised by parents to provide their students with a community of learners, support the classroom digital learning, and provide a place for projects, activities and fun. Community micro-schools or learning hubs are organized and supervised by community organizations (the YMCA, for example) are grouped in cohorts of fewer than 10 and may offer childcare in addition to the micro-school experience. **More information about micro-schools coming soon!***

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