



Roseburg Public Schools

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to rapidly evolve in Oregon and across parts of the world, the Roseburg Public Schools continues to prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and community by maintaining consistent communication with public health authorities and implementing safety measures and practices. We acknowledge that this is a worrisome time for our community and we are committed to implementing measures to prevent the situation from worsening.

Governor Kate Brown continues to call on schools to remain open. The Governor issued revised orders and guidelines today that call on schools to cancel or limit all non-essential gatherings and group activities. The governor's advice states:

Guidelines for schools:

In addition to [previous guidance issued on March 8, 2020](#) to keep schools open, schools should, to the extent possible, cancel or limit all non-essential gatherings and group activities, including but not limited to:

- *Group parent meetings and parent education activities;*
- *Field trips;*
- *Competitions;*
- *Concerts and plays;*
- *Arena-based conferences;*
- *Group trainings and professional learning activities.*

These recommendations apply whether or not the activities are specifically sponsored by a school or school district.

Schools should also:

- *Limit interscholastic athletics and activities to student participants, essential personnel, and credentialed media. This recommendation includes any organized youth athletic programs, club sports, intramural activities and competitions, whether or not they are affiliated with or sponsored by a school or school district;*
- *Coordinate with and make this information available to all onsite partners (preschools, childcare centers, afterschool programs, etc.);*
- *Consider staggering recess and lunch periods to reduce the number of students coming into close contact with each other.*
- *Students at high risk for severe illness should consult with their health care providers about specific steps to lower their risk of illness.*
- *School district employees and students, volunteers and visitors who are ill should stay home until their fever is gone and symptoms are better for at least 24 hours to stay home.*



In compliance with this new guidance, Roseburg Public Schools is implementing the following restrictions through April 10, 2020:

Event or Activity	Outcome	Additional Information
Spring Parent Conferences	In-person conferences changed to telephone conferences	Specific guidance on this will be provided.
Field Trips	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	Applies to all PreK-12 field trips/traveling events.
Assemblies	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	Applies to all PreK-12 assemblies.
Parent Group Meetings	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	Applies to all PreK-12 Parent Group Meetings.
Band/Choir/Drama Performances	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	Practices are currently permitted, performances are postponed.
Athletic Competitions	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	Practices are currently permitted, games and competitions are postponed.
Special Events and/or Activities	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	There are too many unique events to list, but the intent is to limit unnecessary exposure to individuals outside of our everyday classroom/school setting.
Staff Professional Development/Trainings	Postponed, through April 10, 2020	This is specific to non-PLC professional development



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We acknowledge that these measures might be disappointing for our students and families, and the district shares in the disappointment that these postponements may create. That being said, the safety of students and staff remains our top priority.

Measures currently being implemented include:

- The distribution of information to students and families about preventive measures that can be taken to help avoid these illnesses, such as regular hand-washing and covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. These materials can be found on our Coronavirus Updates and Information page on our website, at www.roseburg.k12.or.us/coronavirus.html. Or calling 211, for more information.
- The district's custodial staff is using a hospital-grade disinfectant to clean and disinfect high-touch surface areas throughout our schools, such as door knobs, handrails and countertops.
- The Nutrition Services Department has suspended salad bar service during meals. Students will instead be served fruits and vegetables directly from a food service employee behind the serving line.
- School administrators are decreasing the use of community school supplies like shared pencil containers in classrooms and other items likely to be touched by multiple students.
- The district is emphasizing the importance of students and staff staying home when ill. School attendance, while important, should not be prioritized over student health.

Additional measures implemented this week include:

- The use of social distancing measures in classrooms. Students may be asked to sit farther apart in classrooms when possible. People should avoid shaking hands and touching each other for the time being.
- Students or staff members who are coughing or sneezing at school will be asked to return home.
- In addition to the repeated cleaning of high-touch surfaces with hospital-grade disinfectants, our custodial staff are planning intensive, targeted cleaning at all schools now and over Spring Break.

Please continue to refer to the COVID-19 page on our website, www.roseburg.k12.or.us/coronavirus.html for details. We will continue to partner with health authorities and revise precautionary measures as needed and as recommended. We appreciate your support and understanding during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jared Cordon

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