



# Eddyville Charter School

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Dear ECS Families,

The past two weeks, our state has delivered new guidance and new metrics which impact our return to school as previously planned. Below is our plan for beginning the 2020-21 school year at Eddyville Charter. Please know that every single one of us want all of our students in our halls, classrooms and playing fields as soon as possible, but at this moment our metrics don't allow for this.

In order for ECS to safely conduct on-site instruction for all K-12, the following standards must be met in Lincoln County for three weeks in a row:

- 10 or fewer COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents and 5% or less positive tests per week
- In addition, the state of Oregon must also have 5% or less positive test rate

For K-3 grade students to receive onsite instruction, the rules are slightly less restrictive. In order for these students to attend, Lincoln County must meet the following standards for three weeks in a row:

- 30 or fewer COVID-19 cases per 100,00 residents per week
- In addition, the county must also have 5% or less positive test rate

With these new requirements from the Governor, it is clear that Eddyville Charter School will not be allowed to open with students on-site as planned. This is not the news we wanted, but we will continue to prepare our school and education models to best serve our students until our numbers reach the required level for on-site instruction.

With all of these factors, Eddyville Charter School will begin the 2020-21 school year with Comprehensive Distance Learning. CDL model is students being enrolled in their regular Eddyville Charter School grade/classes. In this model, regular classroom teachers are providing the learning for the students in a virtual model.

We have also pushed the start date of school back to Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, with orientations for each group being developed. Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) is very different from the crisis online model we were left with last year. Major differences of CDL:

- Mix of digital and non-digital learning
- Clear and consistent structure/communication
- Focus on teacher-facilitated learning time via synchronous (*students learning at own pace through videos and projects*) and asynchronous (*students learning together through online virtual classes and video conferencing*) channels
  - Engaged in daily grade level or above learning
- Daily real-time check-ins between staff/students
  - Students receive feedback on their work and learning progress

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- Daily peer interaction and student voice and choice incorporated
- Daily attendance – graded work
- Teacher facilitated
- Office hours, checking in with students and families
- Required minimums for teacher-facilitated learning
  - K-3: 140 minutes
  - 4-8: 150 minutes
  - 9-11: 2 hours 50 minutes
- At least one daily synchronous opportunity required
- Equitable grading policy with letter grades allowed
- Required daily attendance (through virtual check in, messaging, conferencing, work submitted)

The state also issued guidance around limited in-person instruction with cohorts of no more than 10 and no more than 2 consecutive hours. We are currently working through this guidance and how we can maximize this opportunity to serve each of you. As we get more clarity on this element, we will develop an equitable plan for service until we can return to on-site learning as a K-12 building.

ECS will provide services for students on IEP's and those with 504 plans. We will also continue our health and wellness services for students and staff. More details will follow.

Please regularly check our website [www.eddyvillecharterschool.org](http://www.eddyvillecharterschool.org), Facebook (Eddyville Eagles) and the Remind messaging app for the most relevant information. If you are not on our Remind list please email or call the school with your updated contact information. With the frequent changes, this is the most efficient communication channel.

Although this is not what any of us wanted to hear, I strongly believe in our staff and their ability to provide a great learning and connective experience for our students in the CDL model until we can return to campus instruction. We know that our students and families have many challenges with this news, but we are going to be right along side each of you on this journey.

United, we will succeed!

Ms. Knudson and Team