

November 16, 2020

Bend-La Pine Schools' Families,

As many of you know, on Friday Governor Brown made an announcement calling for at least a two-week "freeze" for Oregon, beginning Wednesday, November 18, and extending through Wednesday, December 2. With the spread of COVID-19 at an all-time high, the plan calls for new restrictions on public spaces and venues, limits for private gatherings, and quarantines for travelers.

Governor Brown did not mention closing schools in her [restrictions](#), nor have the ODE guidance and metrics changed. However, there are implications for Bend-La Pine Schools students, families, and staff, as we try to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Below is an overview of the how we plan to operate during the state's freeze:

#### **Comprehensive Distance Learning**

- Comprehensive distance learning will continue as scheduled.

#### **Limited In-person Instruction**

- Currently scheduled limited in-person instruction will continue.
- Once the case counts in the county stabilize in the ["orange" zone](#) (100-199 cases per 100,000 over two weeks), the District will begin expansion of limited in-person instruction.

#### **Building Use**

- Childcare will be the only approved outside group activity taking place at district sites.

#### **Office Staff Support**

- District buildings will be closed to the public.
- Staff may continue to work from our buildings and essential services may be met by appointment.
- Office staff will be available to answer phone calls.

#### **OSAA Guidelines**

- Effective Wednesday, November 18: All co-curricular and extracurricular workouts and activities will be on pause. Activities are scheduled to resume on Dec. 3.

#### **Meal Service**

- Grab and Go Meals will continue as [scheduled](#). Additionally, seven school sites will host special Holiday Brown Bag pick-ups on Monday, Nov. 23.
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**Travel Advisory for Non-Essential Travel**

- The Governor has advised those arriving in Oregon from other states or countries, including returning Oregon residents, to practice self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival. We ask that you consider doing the same.

One of the key messages from the Oregon Health Authority was that the biggest factor in the spread is social gatherings. Please, let's all do our part to slow the spread so we can get our students back to school.

Sincerely,

Lora Nordquist  
Superintendent, Bend-La Pine Schools