

# Hospital School Program Fall 2020 Reopening Overview

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We are excited to share our initial plans for reopening our programs this fall. In this document, you will find information about our initial plans to safely reopen using an on-site learning and/or hybrid instructional model. These plans were developed using guidance from the Oregon Department of Education, the Oregon Health Authority, the Centers for Disease Control, Multnomah County Health Department, and MESD School Health Services.

Looking to reopen, our goals are to:

1. Maximize the health and safety of all our students and staff, including those identified as medically at risk;
2. Ensure equitable access for all students, including those who are Black, Indigenous, a student of color and/or LGBTQIA+, to the full range of educational services and quality instruction; and
3. Provide individualized, specially designed instruction to all students in accordance with their learning needs.

## **Question: What is included in your plans?**

Our plans take into account eight main areas for reopening. These areas include (1) public health protocols, (2) facilities and school operations, (3) response to outbreak, (4) equity, (5) instruction, (6) family and community engagement, (7) mental, social and emotional health, and (8) staffing and personnel.

## **Question: When will I know if students will be back in person or continue with distance learning?**

We are planning to provide a mixture of in-person and distance learning. Education will be offered daily with a determined session schedule with individual students and/or cohorts with distance learning plans in place, as applicable, with frequent contact between teacher and student(s). Groups of students will be placed in cohorts attending school program sites. These plans are still tentative as we continue to monitor conditions and listen to feedback. Final decisions will be made by August 15, 2020 and communicated directly to all parents, students, and staff.

## **Question: Where can I access the initial reopening plan drafts?**

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Doernbecher Children's Hospital 7/8/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Montgomery Park 7/8/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Providence Willamette Falls 7/8/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Randall Children's Hospital 7/8/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Shriners Hospital for Children 7/8/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Unity Center for Behavioral Health 7/8/20 Draft \(19 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

We will be updating these plans based on feedback from stakeholders like you and as additional guidance is released. Our next scheduled drafts will be posted on August 3, 2020, and we will ask for additional feedback. Our final plans will be available on August 15, 2020.

**Question: How will you keep students and staff safe? Will the adults and students be required to wear masks?**

Health and Safety are our priority.

- All staff will be provided with and required to wear masks and/or face shields.
- Students who are 12 years and older will wear masks, in accordance with hospital guidance. Masks will be provided.
- All students will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the building and when making transitions to other instructional spaces.
- All students will be supported with frequent hand-washing and using hand sanitizer before and after meals.
- Staff will clean all touch-point surfaces before school and on a schedule multiple times throughout the day.
- Physical distancing (six feet or more) will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

**Question: What is the process if a student or staff member becomes sick with COVID-19? How will I be informed?**

We are developing protocols that comply with HIPAA and FERPA and the local public health authority guidelines. We will be able to give more details about this in our next version of drafts. We will be publishing the next scheduled drafts on August 3, 2020.

**Question: What if a student becomes sick at home? How do we communicate with the school?**

We will send more detailed information about communication procedures to families when school starts. What we can share now is that we will be asking families and care providers to monitor students for symptoms at home. If a student or family/household member displays symptoms or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the family or care provider notify the school main office at 503-262-4200 and the hospital/facility staff.

**Question: Will students be penalized for not attending school in person?**

No. We will work with families, care providers, and students to develop plans to provide remote learning options on an as-needed basis.

**Question: What if I do not feel comfortable with my student attending a school site? Can I have online distance learning full-time as an option?**

Yes. A complete online distance-learning option will be available if the guardian is concerned regarding on-site reentrance to school. Please contact Sarah Davis at 503-262-4200 to discuss options.

**Question: Will you be able to meet the individualized needs of students with IEPs?**

Yes. Our special education team will work with families and students and the student's IEP team to ensure that the student is provided with FAPE in the least restrictive environment possible, in accordance with the student's IEP.

**Question: Will there be opportunities for parents and guardians to learn how to navigate the devices for home learning? When will those take place?**

Yes. We will be hosting multiple sessions beginning in late August. We will communicate with families about those sessions through our MESD website.

**Question: I have additional questions about plans for reopening schools, who do I contact?**

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