

Donald E. Long Fall 2020 Reopening Overview

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We are excited to share our initial plans for reopening the Donald E. Long School this fall. In this document, you will find information about our initial plan to safely reopen using a hybrid instructional model. This plan was 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 plan?

Our plan takes 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. Students will be divided into two cohorts. Each cohort will get five days of instruction. These will be divided as follows: two days in the classroom with teachers, two days of supported work, and one day working with specialists (Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, Transition Specialist and an Educational Assistant for specially designed instruction, related services, and mentoring). This plan remains tentative as we continue to monitor conditions and listen to feedback. A final decision 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 draft?

[Detailed Reopening Plan for Donald E. Long 7/20/20 Draft \(18 pages\) \(PDF\)](#)

We will be updating this plan based on feedback from stakeholders like you and as additional guidance is released. Our next scheduled draft will be posted on August 3, 2020, and we will ask for additional feedback. Our final plan 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 are required to wear masks, except when medically not appropriate. 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 or 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 (6 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?

If a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, the Multnomah County medical staff who work at the Donald E. Long juvenile detention facility will record and monitor the students and staff being isolated or sent home for the Local Public Health Authorities review. The facility nurse will be responsible for all contact tracing procedures. Families of students will be contacted by Multnomah County.

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

- All students will be screened and their temperature will be taken every morning on the unit prior to attending school, if a student has COVID-19 symptoms, they will be placed in quarantine and monitored by Multnomah County Health Staff at the Donald E. Long juvenile detention facility.
- If these individuals test positive for Covid-19, they will be mandated to stay in quarantine for 10 days, and then 72 hours after their fever is gone, without use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Students who are kept in quarantine will be given alternative ways to recover credit and receive support for instruction while maintaining safe-distancing protocols.

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?

All students at the Donald E. Long School will be at school unless they are quarantined. Every student will be given work and the opportunity to earn credit during scheduled school days.

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 Facebook, our website, and via email.

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

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