

January 3, 2021

Dear Parents and Community,

2020 is officially behind us and the holidays served to change all the rules yet again.

- 1) The Alsea Charter School is open for in person instruction tomorrow:)
- 2) We will continue with our COVID mitigation protocols and stay vigilant to keep our students/staff safe and our doors open.
- 3) As many of you are aware Governor Brown moved all metrics from Mandatory to Advisory. Unfortunately, she did not provide any guidance about what this change means.
- 4) As of today, schools are told to continue with their mitigation plans in order to have the newly passed liability protection.
- 5) There are a handful of school districts around the state who are going to open up for in person instruction. This is great news but most of the districts in Benton and Linn Counties are staying on CDL.

Questions:

1. Several parents have reached out asking about possible exposures over the holidays. The county defines exposure as less than six feet for more than 15 minutes with a COVID positive person. Exposure to someone who may have been exposed are not traced or considered high risk or suspected cases.
2. What are the rules for Quarantine? The CDC has reduced the recommended isolation time to 10 days instead of 14. If you think you may have been exposed, please isolate, and get tested.
3. Essential Workers: According to OHA an essential worker can return from possible exposure and isolation after 4 days without a COVID test as long as they are symptom free

All of these changes can contribute to a lot of uncertainty and confusion. The best we all can do is to take good care of ourselves and exercise good judgement tempered by “an abundance of caution.” Winter COVID case counts remain high, but the Wolverine Spirit towers above all!

Thank you for trusting us with your amazing student(s). Go Wolverines!

Sincerely,

Marc Thielman.

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