



Enterprise School District #21
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Dear Enterprise Staff and Families,

Today Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) shared that Oregon is facing a significant surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Brown said, *“Right now in the race between vaccines and variants, the variants are gaining ground and have the upperhand. Today’s cases topped 1,000, with Oregon now ranking 2nd in the nation for having the most rapid growth of infection spread.”*

How are schools impacted?

Today’s announcements do not immediately impact the operation of schools. The Governor’s [Executive Order 21-06](#) calling for in-person instruction stands. Districts do have local discretion within the [RSSL](#) metrics to reduce in-person instruction within cohorts or across the school if they are experiencing transmission in the school environment. Schools in counties in extreme risk may have impacts on [full-contact sports](#).

Transmission in school environments remain very rare in our state. We are seeing transmission in school communities through activities around schools (including carpooling, gatherings in homes, sports, and other social activities).

In light of increasing cases, hospitalizations and variants of concern that are more transmissible, OHA is now recommending 14-day quarantine for all unvaccinated contacts in all settings, including schools. A 14-day quarantine is the lowest risk approach and helps reduce spread from asymptomatic people, which we know is a significant contributor in this pandemic. This change has been shared with local public health authorities (LPHAs). As most of you are aware, these quarantines destabilize the educational environment. Redoubling efforts around entry screening and making sure families know not to send their children to school when they have symptoms or have had a close contact with someone with COVID-19 will help to reduce the impact of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Erika Pinkerton

Superintendent/Elementary Principal