

August 20, 2020

Sherri James
North Clackamas School District

Dear Ms. James,

Returning Oregon students to onsite learning is an enormous responsibility that is shared by schools, districts, and state and local public health agencies.

This letter confirms that the Clackamas County Public Health Division has received North Clackamas Christian School Comprehensive Distance Learning Section of the *Operational Blueprint for School Reentry*, written following the guidance issued by the Oregon Department of Education.

With few exceptions, eligibility for safely returning to onsite learning depends on Oregon and our county meeting specific school health and safety [metrics](#). Clackamas County does not currently meet the metrics. As the metrics improve, in-person instruction will likely be gradual with more in-person instruction options for limited groups of students (see page 2 and 3 of 'Following the Metrics' document in the link above).

Submission of Section 0-3 of the Operational Blueprint for School Reentry for each school to Local Public Health Authorities is required prior to reopening for any in-person education. Submissions of Section 0-3 will be reviewed as they are received. We will send a separate letter once your plan has gone through the review process. We may request adjustments to your School's *Operational Blueprint for School Reentry* in the future to address elements of emerging science and best practice related to COVID-19 mitigation in schools and communities.

Clackamas County Public Health Division is ready to work with the school community to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in schools.

Sincerely,

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