



Dear Days Creek Family,

The changes and updates regarding how and when schools may reopen have come fast and furious. Since the Governor's announcement, just over 24 hours ago, a dozen changes and clarifications have occurred. Our goal is to keep you informed and reduce any confusion that may exist. We know statements made by other districts, some in close proximity, and some far away could add to the confusion.

**Here is what you should know about how Days Creek plans to reopen:**

1. Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer told us today that he believes the metrics should support reopening on-campus instruction for grades K-3 in Douglas County. Because the metrics cover a three-week time frame, there is no guarantee, but Dr. Bob said it is highly likely we will be able to have students in grades K-3 on campus for the first day of school.
2. State officials are giving small rural schools more consideration involving on-campus instruction for older grades. There is no guarantee changes will be made or if any change will be part of the next scheduled update, set for August 11th.
3. After consulting with others, I will be recommending a change to our school calendar. These recommendations will be on the August 10th school board agenda and will need school board approval.
  - a. August 24 - Kindergarten begins the first day of school.
  - b. August 25 - Grades 1-3 begins the first day of school.
  - c. August 31 - Grades 4-12 begins Comprehensive Distant Learning (CDL).
  - d. School hours will be modified to accommodate CDL students and teachers who will be teaching both on-site and online. The scheduled ending time for onsite instruction will be between 2:00 - 2:45 PM, with buses departing 10 minutes afterward. The most appropriate ending time will be addressed at the upcoming Charter and District School Board meetings.
4. The upcoming CDL format will be much-improved and more effective compared to last Spring. Here is why:
  - a. We have listened carefully to your concerns and have made adjustments.
  - b. We have had more time to plan, train, and review what worked and what did not.
  - c. Each grade in the elementary has a dedicated teacher and added support.
  - d. More accountability - attendance will be taken, student's work graded, and regular feedback given on student progress.
  - e. Students and parents will have more face time with teachers and access to more online resources.
  - f. There will be a renewed focus on areas where students have gaps specifically in the areas of Math and Language Arts (reading and writing), and middle and high school students will not have to juggle so many different classes all at once.

- g. All students will have new opportunities to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Specific teachers and staff will have the tools and time to focus on individual student needs and provide the necessary support.

**Kindergarten, first, second and third-grade** parents have two choices in August. You can begin instruction on campus or virtually online with your child's teacher. If you follow what is happening online with your grade level, you may return to school anytime as long as space is available. Currently, ODE's limit is 35 square feet per child. Knowing some districts are not providing on-site learning, it is possible new students may want to enroll at Days Creek.

**Students in grades 4-12** will engage in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) until state, and Douglas County is under the metric limits that allow a return to campus. Having the same teacher and curriculum aligned to state standards during CDL instruction gives students a smooth transition back to the classroom and ready to meet graduation and OSAA athletic requirements.

There are two upcoming virtual meetings on August 4th and August 6th, plus two upcoming school board meetings where we will be finalizing school reopening plans on August 5th and August 10th. All these meetings begin at 6 PM. Links to the sessions can be found on the school [website](#).

Additional resources and links involving reopening plans and the COVID virus are below:

- [Questions and Answers](#) and other [COVID-19 Updates](#)
- You are also encouraged to provide input using [this short survey](#) or give your feedback into any area involving Days Creek's [Ready Schools, Safe Learner plan](#).

We are grateful for your continued partnership during this challenging time. Thank you for promoting safe and healthy practices in our community. Please contact me via email or phone at [steve.woods@dayscreek.k12.or.us](mailto:steve.woods@dayscreek.k12.or.us) - 541-825-3296 if I can be of further assistance.

Go Wolves!

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