



January 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Families and Staff:

As noted in previous messages, all Evergreen Union School District programs will resume “In-Person Instruction” on Tuesday, January 19th and remain open as long as possible in regard to staffing and COVID spread. Please see the details below.

School Admittance

All students will continue to be screened upon arrival at all sites/bus stops - this will include a temperature check as well as a response to the health questions (e.g., have you been exposed to COVID in the last 14 days? and Do you feel ill today?) If your child has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days and/or your child is feeling ill, do not send them to school. Please contact your child’s attendance clerk to let them know. To ensure a speedy arrival drop-off, please be sure to screen your child for symptoms before they leave home and take their temperature, if possible, to ensure they will be admitted without issue.

- **EES**
8:00am-8:20am - Evergreen Elementary School students can be dropped off by private vehicle at the drop off location on site. Please have students exit their vehicles and proceed to the gate area for screening, maintaining the required physical distance between them. (This is a different protocol than we previously had in place and will help to alleviate traffic on Hooker Creek Road/Bowman.)
- **EMS**
8:00am-8:30am - Evergreen Middle School students can be dropped off by private vehicle at the front curb. Please have students remain in/at their vehicles for the screening.
- **BES**
8:00am-8:15am - Bend Elementary School students can be dropped off by private vehicle at the front curb. Please have students remain in/at their vehicles for the screening.

Student Materials to Take Back to School

Students will need to bring the following items with them to school on Tuesday, January 19th:

- Assigned Chromebook and charger
- Completed classwork to give to classroom teacher
- A backpack (if teacher has requested such an item)
- A lunch in a disposable bag (if not purchasing/having a school lunch)
- A refillable water bottle, labeled with student name
- A face covering (and one extra) for all students (students who do not have access to a face covering will be provided one); face shields are not permitted by order of the state and local public health official unless a student has an approved exemption

Student Materials Coming Home From School

On Tuesday, January 19th, please expect the following materials to come home with your child:

- TK-5th grade - First Semester Report Cards
- All - Packet D2 - Another packet to tuck away at home in the event that we have to pivot to a classroom or school closure. (Some teachers may have already sent this home with their students; upper grade teachers may only have a digital set of materials for students and no physical packet will be sent home.)

Student Materials to Keep at Home

Please **do not** return the Hot Spot your child checked out from school. Should we need to pivot back to Distance Learning for your child's class or the school/district, your child will need this.

Student Meals (Universal Breakfast and Lunch)

Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students. Please note that at this time, we do not have a specific menu available. With the resumption of school opening and the return of our staff and delivery of our products, we hope to have a specific menu for you by the beginning of February, if not before.

Updated COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework and Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-2021 School Year

Just yesterday, the California Department of Public Health released this noted document for all schools. As such, our reopening plan is presently being adjusted to adhere to these guidelines. Please note the following changes that will be in place starting Tuesday, January 19th, to keep us in compliance with these new state guidelines:

- Face Coverings - Change - Students will now need to keep their face covering on when outdoors during physical education and recess when six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Classroom Space - Change - Student chairs will be no less than 4 feet apart from one another. When the optimal 6 feet of distance is not possible, ventilation will be optimized, physical partitions will be used between desks, or desks will be arranged in a way that minimizes face-to-face contact.

- Cleaning - Change - Frequent disinfection can pose a health risk to children and students due to the strong chemicals often used and so it is not recommended in the school setting unless a case has been identified. Routine cleaning with soap and water or other non disinfectant products will be used instead on a daily basis.

Please remember that as we head back to In Person Instruction, something that our entire staff is ready to embrace, COVID-19 is still widespread in our community. As such, we may on short notice have to close a classroom, school, district programs, transportation, etc. and shift to Distance Learning. Please remember to do your due diligence while out in the community to stop the spread.

Sincerely,

Brad Mendenhall
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Evergreen Union School District