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Hi everyone,

As most of you know, Governor Brown released her school health and safety metrics requirements for the opening of schools in the state of Oregon. This metrics will help YSD make a sound and safe decision on the opening of our school based on the latest science and health data in our county and throughout the state. Below are the level that needs to be met before we can open the doors to our school, or any other school throughout the state.

County Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)

- 10 or fewer cases per 100,000 people over 7 days
- Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days

Statewide Metrics (Must be Met Three Weeks in a Row)

- Test positivity of 5% or less over 7 days

It is important to understand that these numbers must be met three weeks in a row before we are able to open. Also, if the state does not meet the metrics, we cannot open even if our county meets the levels. I am keeping a close watch on the weekly levels throughout the state and county. At this time, the [positivity rate in Oregon](#) is falling. It was the first since the end of June that this has happened. This is good news, however, our county numbers are steadily increasing. Here are the numbers for Douglas County:

Week	Cases Per 100,000	Test Positive Rate
7/5	12.6	2.4%
7/12	18.9	2.7%
7/19	27.9	5.3%

State of Oregon numbers:

Week	Cases Per 100,000	Test Positive Rate
7/5	45.9	5.9%
7/12	57.1	5.4%
7/19	52.3	5.1%

I will continue to keep you informed as we move forward. It is our goal to provide a quality education for all of our students. However, we also have staff who may fall into a high risk category, so we are going to make sure that safety is top on our priority list. We are working as a group to make sure that even if we begin the year with distance learning, it will look completely different from this past March where we were struggling to provide the quality that we strive for. Hope you are having a restful summer!!