

Dear Clear Lake Families,

We hope you had an amazing summer! We miss you and are excited for the upcoming school year. Bethel continues to plan for students to return to our buildings five days a week. Clear Lake staff cannot wait to welcome our students and families back to our school.

We know that our families and community have experienced the pandemic in different ways. This fall, we are ready to meet our Clear Lake students where they are, celebrate their strengths, and take this next step together. We are here to support all of you!

Welcome to our Meet Your Teacher Night event. This will be an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher, and learn more about our plans for the fall. Our teachers are excited to meet our families and share their classroom plans for the beginning of the year.

Due to the Governor's mandate, during this event, masks are required for everyone five years and older. Please also socially distance to the extent possible. Our teachers will be sharing information about their classrooms but will not be going into detail about our Health and Safety or Covid-19 protocols. Please review the attached Health and Safety information from Clear Lake Elementary and Bethel School District and direct all Covid-19 related questions to Principal Evan Rindy.

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2021-2022 Clear Lake Drop-off/Pick-up Plan

Before your child leaves for school:

Each day, please ask these three questions before you send your child to school:

Can my student go to school today?

1	2	3
Do they have one or more primary symptom of COVID-19?	Do they have any secondary symptoms?	Have they been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case or currently in quarantine?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (100.4 or above) or chills• Shortness of Breath• New, or persistent cough• New loss of taste or smell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Headache• Vomiting• Diarrhea• Headache• Sore Throat• Congestion• Fatigue / Tiredness	<p>You must be 14-days passed the last exposure, and symptom-free.</p> <p>Documentation must be provided before attendance.</p>
Stay home. Call the doctor.	Stay home. Call the school for further guidance.	Stay home. Call the school for details on returning.

Is the answer "No" to all 3 questions? Come to school!

Make sure your child has a clean face mask each day as face masks are required in the school building.

As students arrive at school (Please see map below):

Our doors open at 8 45 AM and school starts at 9:00 AM. Breakfast will be served daily in the classrooms and is free to all students.

Due to our strict Health and Safety Protocols, no students are allowed on campus prior to 8:40 AM. Please plan accordingly. If you arrive before this time, your child will be required to stay with you in your vehicle until our doors open. If your child arrives before this time without a guardian, the office will contact you to come pick up your child.

At this time, we are only allowing students and staff to enter the building. Parents/Guardians will need to drop students off at the entry points. Students will be directed to entry lines and will need to stand on the footprints that are painted near each door. Students will be screened and given hand sanitizer upon entry. Please remember to distance to the extent possible.



a Middle School

K-1 Drop off

2-5 Drop off

Grades 2-5
Use Main Entrance

Bus Drop off

Ciaverelli (K)

Sagala (K)
Cotter (1)

Wold (1)

Picking up students after school (Please see map below):

Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students will remain in the classroom until someone arrives to pick them up. Please park in the indicated parking lot. Outside the room, in the area indicated on the map, there will be colored cones corresponding to each teacher. These cones will be spaced six feet apart. These cones are in a location that is viewable by the classroom. If you stand by a cone, and the classroom staff recognise you as the guardian, they will send out your child. If they don't recognise you, staff will come ask your child's name and radio to the classroom to have your child sent out. If an older sibling is picking up a kindergarten student, they may stand by a cone to do so. If this is your plan, please communicate with both siblings' teachers about this.

First Grade

Our first grade teachers will walk their students out to the area indicated on the map to meet guardians at this location.

Second through Fifth Grade

Cones with teacher names will be set up at the main entrance. At the end of the day, teachers will walk their classes to their cone and dismiss students from there. Walkers/riders may leave directly from that location while others may wait with their teacher until their guardian arrives.

Bus Riders

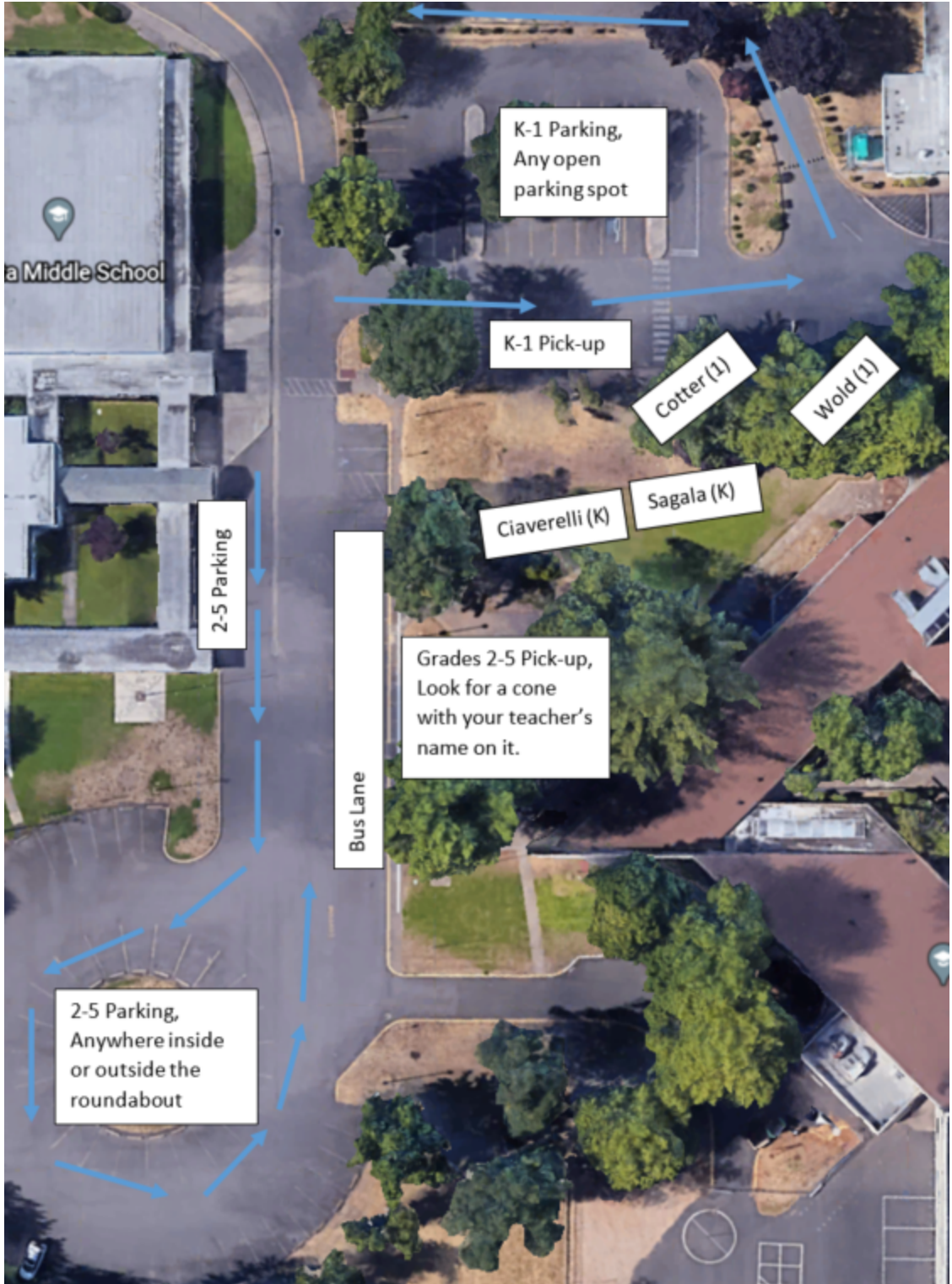
Students who ride the bus will be escorted to the bus at the end of the day by staff.

Siblings

Once older siblings are dismissed by their teacher they may pick up younger siblings at the younger siblings' designated location.

Thank you again for your patience. As always, please contact the Clear Lake Office if you have any questions, (541) 689-0511.

(Scroll down for map)



Dear Bethel Families,

With the first day of school just around the corner, excitement about the upcoming school year continues to grow! We are eager to see all of our students and families and are working to make all of the necessary preparations for the 2021-2022 school year.



I'm reaching out today with health and safety information for the 2021-2022 school year. But before launching into the specifics, I would like to acknowledge the collective and individual challenges we have faced in recent months, and take a moment to recognize that the anticipation of this school year may prompt feelings of anxiety and stress, along with excitement.

Regardless of whether you're feeling anxious, excited, or a mix of both - we are here to support you and your family. Our ability to support our students and their families, make strong connections with our school community, and ensure that our students are learning has not changed despite all of the shifts the last year has brought to our community. We know that together, we can do this! We also know that the lessons we have learned about ourselves and our students in recent months have helped to prepare us for a successful school year.

The Bethel school community is strong, resilient and knows how to take care of one another. With the following procedures in place, I am confident that we will be able to provide safe and healthy learning environments where students can continue to grow and thrive. We've got this, Bethel.

Health and safety updates

A number of COVID-19-related updates were issued by state and local agencies over the summer. In an effort to get families the most up-to-date information, we're sharing an overview of health and safety protocols that will be in place this school year.

As we all experienced last year, these protocols are frequently updated based on the latest data about COVID-19. The protocols below are accurate as of today, but could change depending on further guidance from the Oregon Department of Education or the Oregon Health Authority. If you would like further specifics from the state, please review the [Ready Schools Safe Learner Resiliency Framework](#) for additional clarification.

In-person learning, five days a week

We are thrilled to be welcoming students and staff back to buildings for full-time learning, for the 2021-2022 school year, as recommended by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

Focus on care + connection

For the first two weeks of the school year, the Bethel School District will focus specifically on creating spaces where children feel safe, cared for and connected to the learning environment. We will focus our collective efforts on building relationships and community and creating welcoming spaces for everyone. Mental health is a cornerstone of good education and we believe that taking this time to connect with one another and make meaning of the last year will help us to set the foundation for the year ahead.

Care and connection events will look different at each school, but staff across the district will be united in their goal to connect with each student and help them feel welcome and cared for.

Layered safety precautions

Right now, the best tools to protect individuals from COVID-19 are vaccination for those eligible, physical distancing, face coverings, adequate ventilation and airflow, hand hygiene, and staying home when ill or exposed to COVID-19. Multiple layers of health and safety precautions will be in place in all Bethel schools and buildings for the 2021-22 school year.

Masks

In accordance with requirements from Governor Brown, all students and staff are required to wear facial coverings indoors, regardless of vaccination status (Oregon [mask mandate](#)). Beginning Friday, August 27th, masks became required in most public outdoor settings when physical distancing is not possible ([Oregon mask mandate](#)). During the school day, masks are not required during outdoor recess or when a classroom is meeting outdoors. However, physical distancing is still highly recommended when possible in all school environments. [CDC Guidance on Masks](#). Masks will be required when on the school bus as part of a [federal mandate](#).

In addition to the [statewide mask mandate issued by Governor Kate Brown](#), Lane County Public Health (LCPH) issued an Emergency order Tuesday, Aug. 24 that strongly encourages wearing a mask outdoors when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. Read the guidance here: bit.ly/3B71NsY

Masks and sports (from OSAA)

Students

- Students are not required to wear a mask indoors or outdoors when practicing or playing a competitive sport at any level.
- Students not actively participating (i.e. on the sideline during an indoor or outdoor competition, etc.) are required to wear a mask. Students are required to wear a mask when in the weight room.
- Students will not be required to wear a mask when **actively participating** in outdoor sports. Students who are not actively participating must wear a mask at school-related events when they are not able to physically distance from others, regardless of vaccination status.

Coaches, support staff and contest officials

- Regardless of vaccination status, coaches, officials and spectators are required to wear a mask during indoor practices or competitions. This includes weight training regardless of location. Coaches and support staff, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask during outdoor practices and competitions when six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained.

Spectators

- Spectators (5 years and older) are required to wear a mask at indoor practices and competitions, regardless of vaccination status. Spectators (5 years or older) are also required to wear a mask at outdoor practices and competitions when six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained, regardless of vaccination status. This includes the football stadium and other spaces where spectators gather. This is part of a [statewide mask mandate](#).

Masks and other school activities

- Students are not required to wear a mask indoors when playing an instrument that requires the mouth. Choir students are required to wear a mask during indoor practices, but are exempt from this requirement for performances.
- Capacity limits are not required for indoor events, but increased physical distancing and ventilation can help limit the spread of COVID-19, especially when case counts are high in the community.

Physical distancing

OHA and ODE strongly advise that schools support and promote physical distancing in all daily activities and instruction, maintaining at least 3 feet between students to the extent possible. Physical distancing for students and staff will be maintained to the extent possible inside all Bethel schools.

Handwashing, disinfecting, and sanitizing

Bethel will continue to disinfect high-touch surfaces, promote frequent hand-washing and hand sanitizing and provide regular access to soap, water, and alcohol-based sanitizer. School leaders will continue to prioritize and encourage hand washing throughout the day as appropriate.

Ventilation

All heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems continue to maximize outside air circulation in schools and buildings. Air filters are maintained and replaced, as necessary, to ensure the proper function of HVAC systems. In general, HVAC systems are regularly cleaned, maintained and cleared of any debris to ensure proper functioning and performance.

Positive cases, exposures and quarantine

The Bethel nurse team is working diligently to identify and perform contact tracing in collaboration with LCPH during this time of greatly increased COVID-19 cases in Lane County.

Vaccination

Vaccination remains the safest and most effective way to prevent serious illness from COVID-19 and all of its variants (OHA). All K-12 school district employees, substitutes, and volunteers are required to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by October 18, 2021. [This statewide K-12 mandate announced by Governor Kate Brown](#) will allow Bethel to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, adding another layer of mitigation for our younger students who have not yet had the opportunity to become vaccinated.

The Bethel Health Center and Lane County Public Health are offering a number of vaccination opportunities across the district, including a clinic from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. every Thursday at Cascade Middle School. All vaccination opportunities are free! Learn more here: [Lane County Vaccine Clinics](#).

Staying home when sick

Staff and students are expected to stay home when they are sick. Families will continue to screen their students prior to every school day and keep them home if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. [CDC: What to do when you are sick](#)

Visitors in schools

At this time, outside visitors and volunteers will not be allowed to visit classrooms or common spaces in schools. However, parents/guardians can enter school offices to pick-up students or conduct necessary business.

Clear Lake Elementary Health and Safety

Due to the increase of Covid-19 cases in our area, there have been many Health and Safety questions about the upcoming school year. Here are a few details about our plans at Clear Lake. Please keep in mind that these procedures could change depending on guidance from The State.

- In accordance with the Oregon mask mandate, students and staff will be required to wear face coverings at school. Students do not have to wear a mask at recess and we will be working with staff and students to ensure physical distancing while playing outside.
- Each classroom will have a mask break area set up.
- We will be cohorting students to the greatest extent possible. (staying in classroom groups in all areas of the school including recess and lunch)
- Breakfasts will be served in individual classrooms.
- We will eat outside when we can, and each classroom will have its own lunch area in the cafeteria. Each class will take one side of the cafeteria and be physically distanced while eating.
- Students will be physically distanced in classrooms, maintaining 3 ft between students to the extent possible. With large class numbers this may not be possible at all times during the day.
- We will continue to disinfect high-touch surfaces, promote frequent handwashing and hand sanitizing. Teachers will continue to prioritize and encourage hand washing throughout the day as appropriate.
- All heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems continue to maximize outside air circulation in schools and buildings. Air filters are maintained and replaced, as necessary, to ensure the proper function of HVAC systems. Every classroom will have an individual air filter.