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NKN School District Community,

Last Friday, Governor Brown, Colt Gill, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Oregon Health Authority representatives, announced a two-week "freeze". This was in response to the alarming spike in both cases and COVID-19 hospitalizations. Today, Colt Gill, in his weekly education update, wrote the following:

I want to reiterate that K-12 Schools are not directly impacted by the freeze. Congregate homeless sheltering, Youth Programs, Childcare, K-12 Schools, K-12 Sports, Division 1 Athletics and Higher Education operate under sector specific guidance for all risk levels. Schools should continue to follow the protocols and metrics in the [Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidance](#). Schools that follow protocols like these are very effective at reducing the transmission of COVID-19.

Finally, schools can help this effort by:

- 1. Communicating about the [west coast travel advisory](#), and helping staff and students self-quarantine if they traveled. Add a travel question to your entry screening protocols.*
- 2. Ensure strong Entry and Screening Protocols ([RSSL Section 1f](#) and the [Exclusion Guide](#)) are in place every single day.*
- 3. Emphasize the [Key Practices for Reducing Spread of COVID-19 in Schools](#).*
- 4. Watch for updated K-12 Athletics Guidance in the coming week.*
- 5. Require work from home opportunities when possible for staff. It is allowable for staff to be on campus to provide in-person instruction, for stable internet, and for other services deemed essential by the employer.*
- 6. Review your facility use agreements for other sector uses.*

Neah-Kah-Nie School District will add a travel question to all entry screening protocols. We are communicating with students, staff, and parents about the *west coast travel advisory*. The school district will continue to ensure strong entry and screening protocols and emphasize the *Key Practices for Reducing Spread of COVID-19 in Schools*. NKN will continue to allow work at home opportunities for staff. The school district will continue to monitor positivity rates and is in constant communication with Tillamook Health Department.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal or me.

Be safe!

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