



# School District of Onalaska

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The School District of Onalaska will be returning to in-person learning on **Monday, October 26th**. PreK through 8th grade will be back in-person five days per week while grades 9-12 will be in the hybrid model. Please look for additional specific information from your child's school in the next couple of days. Of significance is that there will be limited face-to-face contact with teachers on Friday so that plans for Monday can be finalized.

While this week's case count is higher than the previous week, the county considers the trend to be "steady." The District will continue to monitor the situation and will determine if there is a need to move back to all virtual learning. Families will be given a minimum of one week to prepare for this transition if it becomes necessary.

The District has worked diligently in our efforts to implement mitigation strategies over the past weeks and months and is confident that everything has been done to create the safest learning environment possible. Most significantly, staff and students are required to wear face masks, maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible, and engage in frequent hand washing.

It is essential that families continue to have plans for when classrooms, cohorts or schools may need to temporarily halt in-person learning. These decisions will need to be made with very short notice. Such pauses may become necessary under any of the following conditions:

- Individual classrooms or the entire school needs to be cleaned and disinfected without alternative spaces being available
- Contact tracing cannot be completed before the start of the next school day
- Staffing shortages do not allow for safe operations
- When there is one confirmed positive case within a class or cohort or 20% of students are absent due to other illness.

It will be very important that parents use the [daily screener](#) when deciding if your child should attend school. Please do not send your child to school when the screener indicates it is not safe to do so.

We as a community can commit to keeping our students in school by following the county health guidelines in our personal lives related to face masks, social distancing and avoiding large group activities. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Todd L Antony  
Superintendent

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