



ST. MARY'S

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Dear St. Mary's Families:

You may have listened to Governor Brown's news conference yesterday where she introduced new metrics for opening schools in the fall. [Here](#) is a link if you would like to read the new guidance. To resume school in an in-person, hybrid model, Multnomah County, which has a population of 812,855, would need to see a rate of fewer than 81 cases per week (for three weeks in a row). As a point of reference, last week the county had 453 new cases.

There are still many questions following yesterday's guidance, and the days ahead will provide more clarity. For now, here is what we know:

Students should plan on **beginning the school year with our Digital Learning protocol at least until October 5th.**

We have reviewed our Digital Learning protocol from the Spring and have made updates based on survey feedback and best practice. We will

- send you the updated bell schedule and updates to the protocol by mid-August.
- Student schedules will be available by August 7th.

We will determine whether to extend the timeframe for digital learning by the end of September.

We look forward to the day when it is safe to welcome our students and staff back to our beloved school. In the meantime, please know that we will continue to create opportunities for enrichment, connection, and friendship—the hallmarks of the St. Mary's experience. We will get through this together, and the principles that guided the Sisters of the Holy Names when they founded our school—care, concern, sacrifice, resilience, and faith—will guide us as we find a path forward.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

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