

August 6, 2020

Hello,Orono families.

Throughout the spring and summer we have been listening, surveying and analyzing feedback from you and from our students. We do this in order to understand the needs that exist and the struggles families are going through as we serve you in this difficult time. We also have used that information to build our new learning models and to monitor and adjust as needed. We counterbalance that with ongoing standards, guidelines and orders from the state.

FAQs document now available. We are doing our very best to keep you informed. Providing early communication to you has been our top priority. Please [click this link](#) to review the frequently asked questions document. This document discusses the learning models, scheduling considerations, health and safety guidelines, ventilation systems, and more.

Weekly communication. We are working very hard to plan for the fall, and while we do not have answers to every detail, we will continue to provide weekly updates via the FAQs document before our school start date of September 8, 2020. The next update will be Friday, August 14, 2020. If you have questions in the meantime, please send to info@oronok12.mn.us.

We will also provide the 14-day COVID-19 case rate, which is one variable the Minnesota Department of Health is using to help schools determine the learning models they are able to offer students. As of last Friday, we were well within range of being able to start school on a hybrid model. Because we have been working hard all summer, we were able to release our model to you as early as we were last Friday.

Look for details from principals this week. You will also receive information from school principals, by the end of this week, with more specific, building-level information. They will also let you know where to direct specific questions.

We appreciate your desire to choose the best learning model for your child and we are here to answer questions and support your decision.

Sincerely,
Karen Orcutt, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools