

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## OASD FAMILY UPDATE FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020

We will share updates with OASD families every Friday during the 2020-21 school year. These updates may be short or they may be long, depending on what new information is available that week. All updates will be posted on our OASD 2020 Learning Hub at [www.oasd.org/LearningHub](http://www.oasd.org/LearningHub).

### NEW UPDATES

#### *OASD Thanksgiving Break Next Week*

All OASD students will be off school for Thanksgiving Break next Wednesday, November 25-Sunday, November 29. School will resume on Monday, November 30.

#### *Hybrid Purple/Gold Learning Information for Intermediate Schools & OHS*

The OASD has decided to switch to the hybrid purple/gold learning model for both Intermediate Schools and Oconomowoc High School from Monday, November 30, through Friday, December, 18. This short-term learning model change is intended to reduce the number of student and staff quarantines and COVID-19 cases we are experiencing in our schools due to home or community contact.

In mid-December, we will evaluate the learning models, quarantine information, and COVID-19 cases among staff and students, to make a determination on our return to school after the winter holiday break. The District will share additional information with families before the OASD winter break which starts on December 19.

Visit [www.oasd.org/LearningHub](http://www.oasd.org/LearningHub) for links to all the schedule information

#### *OASD Student Schedules for November 30-January 3*

##### Elementary School Students

- **November 30-December 18:** Learning in the cohort model, at school 5-days per week, consistent with the schedule since the start of the school year.
- **December 19-January 3:** All OASD students and staff off school for winter break.
- **Important note** - *students learning at home during quarantine should continue to follow their quarantine learning plans.*

##### Nature Hill Intermediate & Silver Lake Intermediate Students:

- **November 30-December 18:** Learning in the hybrid purple/gold model
- **Monday, November 30:** Purple Day - Purple students will learn at school, Gold students will learn virtually.
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##### Oconomowoc High School Students:

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## ***2020-21 School Calendar Changes Approved This Week***

At their November 17 regular meeting, the OASD School Board approved a request from the OASD Teaching and Learning and Human Resources teams, to provide two additional professional days for OASD staff this school year. These days will be used for staff to plan and collaborate and will be non-school days for students.

### **NEW Non-School Days for All OASD Students:**

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021
- Thursday, February 18, 2021

### **Existing Non-School Days for All OASD Students:**

The new non-school days for students align with the staff development days that were included in the original 2020-21 school year calendar:

- Monday, January 18, 2021
- Friday, February 19, 2021

## **REMINDERS**

### ***Waukesha County Health Department Contact Tracing Update***

The Oconomowoc Area School District (OASD) has been working closely with Waukesha County and the Department of Health and Human Services to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community. A large part of this collaboration has involved tracking all positive cases in the OASD and notifying close contacts to those individuals through the school and County contact tracing process.

In late October, the Waukesha County Public Health Department announced that it had modified the standard of practice for disease investigation, contact notification, and symptom monitoring. Today's communication from County Executive Paul Farrow and County Health Officer Benjamin Jones explain what these changes mean for contact tracing and quarantining moving forward.

[Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services Contact Tracing Communication](#)

[Additional information on the OASD website](#)

### ***NEW Positions Available at the OASD***

There are several job opportunities available at the OASD for the 2020-21 school year. The openings change throughout the year and are posted at [www.wecan.education.wisc.edu](http://www.wecan.education.wisc.edu).

### **Substitute Teacher Positions**

- Staff Substitute at Oconomowoc High School
- Staff Substitute at Nature Hill Intermediate

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## Paraprofessional Positions

To learn more about paraprofessional positions in the OASD, visit the Wisconsin Education Career Access Network (WECAN) website at [www.wecan.education.wisc.edu](http://www.wecan.education.wisc.edu). All open positions are posted in WECAN, year-round.

## Substitute Teacher Training & Positions

The OASD is always looking for qualified substitute teachers. If you have a 2-year or 4-year degree, you can easily become certified as a substitute teacher by attending a substitute training workshop which includes short-term substitute permit licensure via the Department of Public Instruction.

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 1](#)

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 2](#)

[Click here for Substitute Teacher Training Opportunities through CESA 6](#)

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## School Meals for Virtual Students

Breakfast and lunch are available for all OASD students on their virtual learning days during the 2020-21 school year. Students can order meals each week and pick up those meals every Monday at Oconomowoc High School. Student breakfast and lunch will continue to be free because of the USDA sponsored free meal program.

**Families are required to complete a few simple steps on a weekly basis to receive these meals:**

1. [Click this link to reach the online order form.](#)
2. Complete a separate order form for each student.
3. **Submit your student's order before 2:00 p.m. on Fridays so their meals are available the following week.**
4. Pick up meals on Mondays, between 4:00-6:00 p.m. for the entire week.
5. If a holiday or non-school day is on a Monday, meal pick up will occur on Tuesday, between 4:00-6:00 p.m.
6. If a school week is shortened because of a holiday or non-school day, the number of meals will be adjusted accordingly.

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## If Your Child Is Sick, These Guidelines Can Help You Decide What To Do Next

We strongly encourage you to monitor your child's health continually. It's important to be mindful of any illness symptoms that your child may have before sending them to school. Please keep your child home if they are ill.

- If you need information on how to contact your school attendance line, [please visit the Absence Reporting Information page on our website.](#)
- If you need help understanding when your child should return to school, please visit the [Absence Reporting Information page](#) or the "OASD Health Services Information" drop-down on the [OASD Learning Hub page](#).
- Both pages have detailed illness guidelines and a video from OASD Health Services Director, Mrs. Deal.

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## OASD COVID-19 Dashboard Updated Twice Per Week

Through OASD School Board meeting discussions and work with the Waukesha County Health Department, the OASD Administration has developed a series of dashboards to display COVID-19 data. These dashboards are updated twice per week and available at [www.oasd.org/COVIDDashboard](http://www.oasd.org/COVIDDashboard).

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