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Dear Parents and Families,

We have worked in partnership with local health officials regarding a recent up rise in local COVID cases and have determined that the Coos and Curry Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) programs will temporarily stop offering “in person” class sessions.

This means that the ECSE classrooms in Coos Bay, Coquille, Gold Beach, and Brookings will not be open for “in person” class sessions the weeks of December 14-18, 2020 and the week of January 4-8, 2021. We will be closed for our regularly scheduled Winter Break dates of December 19, 2020, through January 3, 2021.

This decision was not made lightly and involved reviewing case numbers as well as weighing the risk level for our children and staff. It is with an abundance of caution for the health and safety of all stakeholders that we have decided to take a break from “in person” ECSE classes.

This closure will result in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) for all ECSE students. There will NO CLASS on Thursday, December 10, 2020 to allow for teaching staff to prepare for Comprehensive Distance Learning.

December 14-18: All ECSE Class Sessions will be CDL Zoom Virtual Classes.

Your child’s service coordinator will contact you with a Zoom link and the class time for your child’s session.

January 4-8: All ECSE Class Sessions will continue to be offered via CDL Zoom Virtual Classes using the same Zoom link and class time as the Dec 11-18 week.

The program will reassess as per county COVID 19 cases the first week in January to determine if services will continue to be via Zoom Virtual Classes or if students will be able to return to “in person” sessions beginning the week of January 11-15. Please check our SCESD ECSE webpage for updated information:

<https://www.scesd.k12.or.us/ei-ecse/>

While your children are not in school and always, here are some ways to protect your family:

- ✓ Teach your children to wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ✓ Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into the inside of the elbow. Be sure to set a good example by doing this yourself.
- ✓ Teach your children to stay at least *six* feet away from people who are sick.
- ✓ People who are sick should stay home from work or school and avoid other people until they are better. If you have questions, please contact your school nurse, healthcare provider, or your local board of health or check the CDC website

Thank you for your understanding and support.

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