

DEAR parents, guardians, and supporters,

I hope you are all doing well during these trying times. Decisions are not easy to make since everything is changing so fast. I hope your children are adjusting to our new normal. It is extremely hard for our children affected by autism to be so isolated without the services they deserve.



In order to do our best to keep our students and staff safe, our school will continue remote/distance learning until COVID-19 declines and the restrictions are lifted. Our full reopening plan for school is in this newsletter beginning on page 2. Reopening will be broken into four, specific phases unique to Bridgeway House. Currently, we plan for school to start in Phase 2 of our reopening plan on September 17th with remote learning in place. This plan is subject to change due to the unpredictability of COVID-19.

When it is possible to move into Phase 3 of the reopening plan, school will be in-person plan but in blocks which will help keep the number of staff and students low to prevent spread of COVID-19. This will also allow more one-on-one learning which will help with any regressions. In Phase 3, the districts will need to group students for transportation purposes and Bridgeway House will need to group students by academic/social levels to make best use of the three hour blocks. Unfortunately, this means it will not be possible for parents to request specific blocks for their children.

Bridgeway House is keeping current with all guidelines. We know that there is nothing more important than the safety and health of your amazing children and our hard-working staff.

Our Home Therapy Program is open and accepting applications at this time. Just call 541.345.0805 and leave a message or email: [info@bridgewayhouse.org](mailto:info@bridgewayhouse.org) to request an application. Our office is not open for visitors

because we are all working remotely, so please be patient for a response.

Our Parent Series and our Social Groups, SHAPE, and Game Nights are not open at this time but we are hopeful we can open them again in 2021.

These are difficult times for all of us, especially our children who need the support and services. We are doing our best and we want everyone to be safe. We can do this together.

Best to you all! I miss your children so very much.

Patricia Wigney

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2020-2021

### 2020

September	16	W	No School - Teacher Work Day
September	17	Th	Classes Begin
October	9	F	No School - In Service Day
October	29-30	Th-F	No School - Trainings
November	11	W	No School - Veterans Day
November	23-27	M-F	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November	30	M	Classes Resume
December	21-Jan 4	M-F	No School - Winter Break

### 2021

January	5	T	Classes Resume
January	18	M	No School - MLK Jr Day
January	29	F	No School - Conference Day
February	15	M	No School - Presidents Day
March	19	F	No School - Teacher Work Day
March	22-26	M-F	No School - Spring Break
March	29	M	Classes Resume
May	31	M	No School - Memorial Day
June	17	Th	Last Day of School
July	6-Aug 5	M-Th	Summer School

*Schedule is subject to change.*

Block A: 8 am to 11 am, Monday through Thursday.

Block B: 12 pm to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Block A & B: Distance Learning: 9 am Friday.

Bridgeway House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We offer treatments, developmental therapies, enrichment courses, and support to children and families with autism and related abilities. Because of COVID-19, our office is not open for appointments because we are working remotely. Please call and leave a message. Mailing address: PO Box 10639 Eugene, OR 97440-2639 ♦ Office address: 555 E 15th Avenue Eugene Phone 541.345.0805 ♦ Fax 541.345.0855 ♦ [www.bridgewayhouse.org](http://www.bridgewayhouse.org)

# BRIDGEWAY SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN 2020-2021 (COVID-19 CLOSURE)

In consideration of reopening its school, Bridgeway House is following strict ODE and CDC guidelines, as well as the state-specific regulations mandated by Governor Kate Brown. The private school has continued to operate with very little interruption following the COVID-19 closure on March 13, 2020.

All programs are intended to resume at full capacity in the future, but these dates are uncertain, with Oregon schools tentatively scheduled to reopen for in-person learning in Fall 2020. Numerous factors could extend closure, but the school program must have a plan in place as things continue to develop and change.

Bridgeway House has developed a unique, school-specific, phased approach for reintroduction to onsite/in-person learning:

## PHASES OF REINTRODUCTION

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
The most restrictive situation under a Shelter-in-place order. All school is remote via Distance Learning. All physical locations closed.	Distance Learning continues for all students. Begin preparations for re-introduction of onsite school. All physical locations closed.	Students return to school buildings for in-person learning, but classroom schedules are modified with decreased numbers.	All students return to in-person learning for a regular school schedule.
BW takes immediate action to close all in-person services as of March 13, 2020. Parents are immediately notified and Distance Learning is initiated.	BW works closely with school districts, ODE, and families to provide the most comprehensive Distance Learning possible. IEPs and class meetings are attended online as well.	Classroom limit is 10 people at a time, including staff. School safety protocols based on CDC and ODE guidelines.	BW School provides in-person academics to all students from 8 AM to 3 PM Monday through Thursday. Friday is a teacher workday and students will not attend.

## PHASE 3 REOPENING SCHEDULE

Phase 3 includes a block schedule as detailed below:

**Block A:** 8 am to 11 am, Monday through Thursday

*Sterilize and disinfect school: 11 am to 12 pm (M-Th)*

**Block B:** 12 pm to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday

**Block A and B:** Distance Learning: 9 am Friday

The block schedule allows staff to work one-on-one with behaviors safely.

Parents will be notified to which block their child will be assigned prior to reopening.

In Phase 4, all students will attend from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Friday will then become a workday for teachers.

Throughout all phases, Bridgeway House has identified four focus priorities for the entire reintroduction process:

- 1) *Ensure health and well-being of all students and staff.*
- 2) *Provide supports to teachers and staff.*
- 3) *Maximize student academic growth.*
- 4) *Assure continued operation and financial viability.*

**Bridgeway School Reopening Plan is continued on page 3.**

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## OFFICE DEPOT GIVE BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are participating in the Office Depot/ Office Max program where Bridgeway House receives 5% of your qualifying purchases back in credits for free supplies! Our ID number for them is 70243478. Qualifying purchases are supplies that are clearly school-related.



# BRIDGEWAY SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN 2020-2021 (cont'd from page 2)

## ESTABLISHING REINTRODUCTION PRIORITIES

Priority	Phases 1 and 2	Phase 3
<b>Ensure health and well-being of all students and staff</b>	Distance Learning computer equipment is sterilized before being delivered to families in need; Ensure clear and timely communications between staff and families; Teachers regularly check in with student families to monitor health and emotional well-being; Administrative staff continually monitors regulations for schools.	Create health and safety protocols and plans; Develop and begin implementing reintegration plans for in-person learning; Support physical, social and behavioral health needs through communication and outreach; Collaborate with community partners to ensure access to support.
<b>Provide supports to teachers and staff</b>	Mobilize Lead Teachers/OT/SLP to: Implement online teaching platform; Attend online meetings for staff; Reorganize staff priorities to meet immediate needs; Enact strict guidelines to only permit essential staff on school grounds.	Provide continued support and development; Communicate frequently with all school staff as needed; Communicate with Districts as needed to stay connected; Develop reintegration plans.
<b>Maximize student academic growth</b>	Distribute devices/internet access; Strengthen parent partnerships; Carefully develop "Distance Learning" which provides individualized online curriculum; Communicate with Districts regularly to attend IEPs, discuss goals, and monitor attendance and progress of Distance Learning.	Build new learning plans for students, with careful attention to the needs of individuals to maintain safety while in school; Distance Learning continues for those still participating in school during building closures.
<b>Assure school operation and financial viability</b>	Retain only staff that is essential to school program; Remaining teachers and administrators enact methods of safe, secure communication to maintain efficiency and compliance; Seek community donations of technological equipment to support Distance Learning.	Utilize school revenue to construct all required safety and health systems using equipment mandated by ODE and CDC. This ensures on-schedule opening for in-person school again at both locations.

Progression between the Phases will be determined by State health guidelines and Government regulations related to schools in Oregon. Overall, the reintroduction guidelines seek to create small, stable groups of students and staff by requiring physical distancing, limiting movement throughout school buildings, restricting large gatherings, and maintaining regular and frequent handwashing/school-sterilizing breaks.

### Health Screening

- All staff and students will be screened outside of the school building every day prior to entry. Any person with concerning symptoms will be sent home immediately.
- Families of students, as well as the agency's returning staff, will be required to regularly answer a set of screening questions to determine level of health risk.
- Multiple entry and exit points for staggered student transition into or out of school buildings will be assigned and mandated.

**Bridgeway School Reopening Plan is continued on page 4.**

**Please watch our Facebook page for the most current information & schedule updates!**



# BRIDGEWAY SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN 2020-2021 (cont'd from page 3)

## Face Covers

- Staff will be required to wear face shields or masks in alignment with both ODE and CDC guidelines.

## Handwashing

- There will be regular, frequent handwashing breaks required for all staff and students. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be available to all classrooms, and an hourly wash is recommended (in addition to the usual handwashing times before eating, after recess and bathroom, etc.)

## Physical Space

- 6 feet of physical space between student seats
- One-way hallways marked with arrows
- Students stay in classrooms as much as possible. Teachers move as needed but as little as possible.
- No traditional water fountains. Only no-touch water systems
- Regular disinfecting and sterilizing of school environment/materials/curriculum between groups of students at both locations
- Restroom visits will be limited to one student (with assistance, if needed) at a time
- There will be no school visitors allowed
- There will be no access to the kitchen for both staff and students

## Materials/Supplies

- All students will have their own designated materials. If supplies are used between groups, they must be disinfected at each change.

Ongoing communication with families and staff is critical, and it will continue with the information everyone needs to make the in-person schooling safe and successful as Bridgeway House school plans its reopening. Although Bridgeway House strives to treat all staff and students equitably, it may be necessary to make building-based precautionary safety decisions. This means 15th Avenue and Camp Creek buildings could vary in terms of COVID-19 safety protocol.

Many students will implement the new online skills they have gained during Distance Learning in the new curriculum provided by their teachers. Overall, the agency knows that safety and good health are paramount, as academic success cannot be achieved otherwise. Bridgeway House will do all that is necessary and required to ensure a safe reintegration of staff and students to the in-person school program.

## BRIDGEWAY HOUSE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### HOME THERAPY PROGRAM

Our Home Therapy Program offers individualized, in-home therapies regardless of your child's age. We now accept most insurances for ABA through our Home Therapy Program, including Oregon Health Plan. We also offer scholarships for therapies not covered by insurance and for families without insurance coverage for ABA.

Starting August 1st, we will be accepting applications for the Home Therapy Program. To request an application please email: [info@bridgewayhouse.org](mailto:info@bridgewayhouse.org).

### PARENTING SERIES

Parenting Series with Mary Ann Winter-Messiers, PhD provides guidance in the challenges of raising a child on the autism spectrum. Parenting Series is on hiatus due to COVID-19.

### SOCIAL GROUPS

Social Groups help children and youth with autism build friendships while they learn social skills and emotional self-regulation. Our Social Groups are on hiatus due to COVID-19.

### SHAPE

SHAPE is a series of developmentally appropriate classes focusing on sexual health, personal responsibility, hygiene, confidence, self-awareness, and relationship skills for youth from 4th to 12th grade. SHAPE is on hiatus due to COVID-19.

### GAME NIGHT

Game Night is a great opportunity for ages 12 and up to socialize while playing board and video game. Game Night is on hiatus due to COVID-19.



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In March, because of COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders, the Bridgeway House Players could no longer meet for rehearsals for The Jungle Book. Since we really didn't know when we might be able to perform in front of an audience again, we decided to create a video instead. Using the magic of technology, we have created a wonderful, socially distanced production of The Jungle Book.

Please support our actors and check out the production on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/3k0myig>



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