



OKLAHOMA
Rehabilitation Services



➤ **Oklahoma School for the Blind**
Rita J. Echelle, Superintendent

Dear OSB Family,

Due to recommendations from OSB physician and other health professionals, a decision has been made to delay the start of on-site school for middle school and high school students until Monday, August 31. Distance learning will be extended for these students the week of August 24-27. Residential Middle School and High School Students will have enrollment on Sunday, August 30.

Elementary students will begin on-site school on Monday, August 24. Due to the COVID-19 data indicating a lower amount of risk for students aged 10 or below, we determined that elementary students could safely return at an earlier date. Elementary residential students will have enrollment on Sunday, August 23.

We realize that this will create challenges for many of you, but know that OSB administration is committed to do our best to ensure safe return for all students and staff. We know that distance learning is NOT the optimal method of instruction for our students; however, the health and safety of students and staff is of utmost importance. It is our desire to make sure our students are trained appropriately so that they will be able to succeed in a distance learning environment should OSB have to close on-site school for a period of time.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we react to current conditions and recommendations. It is our hope that this will not cause an undue burden on your household. We appreciate your continued support.

Best regards,

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