

## **North Mahaska CSD Reopening Plan**

*This plan is intended to provide general information for reopening procedures and is not to be confused with the Return to Learn Plan that was developed and is to be used in the event the district transitions to hybrid or on-line learning.*

**Updated 8/12/2020**

***Please review often as procedures may change due to new guidance***

**Information is subject to change based on guidance provided from IDPH and the DE**

**The following Questions were added to student registration for parent response.**

- Can the nurse put a mask on your child if she suspects illness? Yes or No
- I understand it is my responsibility to check my child's temperature and screen for illness prior to sending them to school each day. Yes or No
- I understand (and will) I am to keep my student home if they have a temperature of 100.4 or greater and/or have any of the following symptoms: vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, muscle or body aches, chills, headache, sore throat, runny nose/congestion, rash, fatigue

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Based on the guidance from the IDPH and DE, Mahaska County data supports a face-to-face learning environment. School is scheduled to start on August 26th at 8:15 a.m. with dismissal scheduled at 3:30. Please note: dismissal times may be affected by inclement weather (heat and humidity) as air conditioning will not be in full operation until next summer.

The school district will use the [metrics provided by the IDPH and the DE](#) along with guidance from Mahaska County Public Health to determine when we transition to a hybrid or on-line learning model. Details of the Hybrid plan and on-line learning plan will be forthcoming.

### **Social Distancing - Goal is to keep kids in school & mitigate as feasibly possible**

Social Distancing is difficult in many areas. Face coverings are strongly recommended in areas where social distancing is not possible.

- **Hallways -**
  - **Jr./Sr. High** - one-way traffic when possible (loop runs in a clockwise direction starting at south double doors)
  - **Elementary** - students should pass through the hallways as traffic does on a two-lane highway. Teach expectations.

### **Personal Protective Equipment**

The school will have face shields and disposable masks available for those staff requesting them.

Students are to provide their own face covering as recommended by their health care providers. If parents need assistance in securing face coverings for their child, please feel free to call the school office and/or Nurse Julie for assistance.

### **Drinking Fountains**

- Students are encouraged to bring their own non-spillable water bottles to use at school. Water bottles should NEVER be shared among students.
- Students will not be able to use the drinking fountains for health reasons.
- Water Bottle fill stations **will be** available for students to refill their water bottles throughout the day

### **Arrival at School & Entrance into the Building**

- **Where do kids go when they arrive at school?** (Directly to their classroom unless they are eating breakfast)
- **What time can they come into the school building?** Students may enter school at 8:00 a.m. and they are to go directly to their classrooms (jr./sr. high 1st period after they grab belongings from their locker).
- **Breakfast**
  - Students who wish to eat breakfast can enter at 7:55 and go directly to the breakfast line at 7:55. Students should seat themselves practicing social distancing.
- Masks are strongly recommended in all areas where social distancing is not possible.
- 2nd chance breakfast 9:47-10:12 (Advisory)

**With all the construction going on, what is the best way for my student to enter the building?**

- **Jr./Sr. High non bus riders** - Enter through north west doors of the Jr./Sr. High School
- **Jr./Sr. High bus riders or students being dropped off by parents** - Enter through main Jr./Sr. High entrance on the south side of the building
- **Elementary bus riders** - Enter through the drop off at the main entrance of the Jr./Sr. High Entrance
- **Elementary students being dropped off by Parents** -Enter through south main entrance of the elementary
- **Elementary walkers or bike riders** - Enter through the 1st/4th grade and 5th/6th grade recess doors on the east side of the building.
  - *Bike Racks are located on the south side of the white utility shed on the northwest corner of the playground.*

### **Parking**

#### **Parking for Students:**

Students parking may be tight due to construction. We ask that students park responsibly. If we find we do not have enough parking spaces to accommodate all student parking, then we

will consider other options. Students are to park in the north parking lot. Overflow parking is available along the north east side of the long jump. Students are to park in the north parking lot first before the overflow parking area is used.

### **Parking for Staff:**

Staff parking is available in the following areas:

- **Parallel Parking along the baseball field** (do not park in any No Parking areas),
- **Front row of the North parking lot** (along the building),
- **South Parking Lot**
- **Bus Garage** on the south side of the building (one set of tires should be parked in the grass to allow for buses to get in and out of the bus garage) .
- **Northeast Corner of the North Lot** - The staff members who parked on the north east side of the parking lot may continue to do so, please use the elementary 5th/6th grade wing entrance or 1st/4th grade wing entrance.

### **Transportation**

Parents -If you can bring your students to school, please consider doing so in efforts to reduce the number of students on the bus allowing for more social distancing. Students eating breakfast may enter the building at 7:55 and must go directly to the serving line. Students not eating breakfast will report directly to their classroom upon arrival at 8:00. Doors to the building will remain locked until 7:55. Students should not congregate outside. They are to stay in the vehicle until it is time to enter the building.

We are working to hire a town route driver to reduce the number of students on the bus allowing for more social distancing.

Face coverings are strongly encouraged where social distancing is not possible.

Siblings are expected to sit together.

Buses will be sanitized twice daily and will be deep cleaned once a week.

### **Classrooms**

Remove all non-essential furniture to allow desks/tables to be spread out as far as possible.

Avoid sharing of supplies, materials and spaces. If students must share the same space, appropriate cleaning is to be done before space is shared.

All classrooms will have paper towels available. Each teacher will have a disinfectant spray to spray down shared spaces. Upon entering the classroom, the teacher will spray the shared space, and students should wipe down the shared space with a paper towel and discard it in the trash can. Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom as well.

Keep windows and doors open as much as possible to increase circulation of outdoor air.

Fans have been discouraged by public health.

Space students apart as much as possible (6 feet recommended). Face coverings are strongly recommended when social distancing is not possible.

Students will have the opportunity for multiple handwashing breaks throughout the day.

Students will be taught proper procedures for handwashing.

Students will be informed of the expectations for social distancing (6 feet apart when possible). Masks are strongly recommended where social distancing is not possible.

Teach and encourage the use of cloth face coverings especially in times when physical distancing is difficult (ie: passing times, large class sizes). Recognize that some students and staff may not be able to use face coverings due to health or religious reasons.

Sit students facing the same direction when possible.

### **Cleaning**

Extra precaution will be taken for cleaning including increasing the frequency of cleaning throughout the day especially in high traffic areas.

All staff will be trained on cleaning and day-to-day procedures

### **Lunchroom Procedures**

Guests are prohibited from visiting at this time. Lunchroom schedules are being designed to reduce capacity to 50% in both the elementary and Jr./Sr. High lunchrooms.

### **Visitors**

We are discouraging visitors during school hours at this time.

### **Teacher's Lounge**

Teacher's are encouraged to eat lunch practicing social distancing.

### **Elementary Specials (music, band, PE, and art)**

- PE & Art: implement the classroom procedures listed above. Consider holding class outside as much as possible. Art class may be held in the general education classroom when appropriate.
- Music: follow classroom procedures listed above and consider holding class outside when possible. Follow [guidelines recommended by the IHSMA](#)

Band: Band is to be held in the auditorium with students practicing social distancing. Consider holding class outside when possible. Follow [guidelines recommended by the IHSMA](#)

### **Jr/Sr. High Band & Choir**

- Choir is to be held in the auditorium with students practicing social distancing. Consider holding class outside when possible. Follow [guidelines recommended by the IHSMA](#)
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### **Nurse's Office**

Staff/Students -

- Call the nurse's office prior to sending students to the nurse's office
- The elementary conference room will be utilized as a sick bay area.
- There will be chairs outside the nurse's office for students to social distance as they wait for the nurse.

Parents -

- Please check the NM website for the daily screening checklist to be completed prior to sending your child to school each day.
- If your child is sent home due to sickness, please consult with the nurse to determine when your child may return to school.

A window is being installed in the nurse's office door for medication dispensing.

### **Protocol for Sick Students or Staff**

### **What are the procedures to get tested for COVID-19?**

- If I suspect I may have COVID-19, Where do I get tested?  
Go to [testiowa.com](https://www.testiowa.com). It walks you through questions to see if you need tested. If you do, you go to the closest site listed. Testing is free.

### **Elementary Open House / Back to School Night**

- Kindergarten - Parents are bringing their children and supplies in on August 17 & 18 during GAP.
- 1st through 6th grade teachers will be contacting parents to set up individual times for parents and students to visit the classroom, meet the teacher, and bring school supplies.

### **7th Grade Open House & 7th - 12th Grade New Family Orientation**

- Session 1

- Last names beginning with A - J attend session 1
  - Begins at 5:30 in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium
- Session 2
  - Last names beginning with K - Z attend session 2
  - Begins at 6:30 in the Jr./Sr. High Auditorium

\*One session will be recorded and uploaded to the NM website for parents and students who cannot attend.

If you have any questions please contact the office.