

North Mahaska CSD Return to Learn Plan Procedures

This plan is intended to provide general information for returning to school 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.

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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.

- 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

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 24th at 8:15 a.m. with dismissal scheduled at 3:30. Please note: dismissal times may be affected by inclement weather.

The school district will remain open and provide in person learning unless instructed to close by the State of Iowa, Federal Government, Center for Disease Control, Public Health, or North Mahaska Board of Directors.

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

Social Distancing is difficult in schools. We will proceed with normal school routines at this time.

Personal Protective Equipment

Students and staff are not required to wear masks in school or at school events. Students and staff may choose to wear masks if they desire to do so.

If you would prefer to wear a mask, you must provide your own masks as recommended by your healthcare provider.

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 be able to use the drinking fountains but should ensure they do not touch the water spout with their face or mouth.
- 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?**
- Students who are not eating breakfast may enter the building at 7:55. Elementary students arriving before 8:00 and not eating breakfast, should report to the elementary gym. Elementary students arriving after 8:00 may go directly to their classroom.
- Jr./Sr. High students entering the building before 8:10 and not eating breakfast should report to the high school cafeteria. Students will be dismissed to the classroom at 8:10.
- **Breakfast**
 - Students who wish to eat breakfast can enter at 7:45 and go directly to the breakfast line at 7:45.
- Parents are encouraged to remain outside of the building during drop off and pick up.

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:

We ask that students park responsibly. 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.

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.

Siblings are expected to sit together.

Buses will be sanitized and cleaned weekly.

Classrooms

Classrooms will be cleaned daily.

High touch surfaces areas will be cleaned frequently.

Social distancing is difficult in classrooms. Students sit together and work together to engage in learning. Students are not required to but may choose to wear face coverings to prevent the spread of illness.

Cleaning

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

Lunchroom Procedures

Our lunchrooms have limited space and are typically full during each lunch period. Should transmission rates within the school rise to a level of potential concern, students may be asked to eat in their classrooms.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome. If you plan to visit, we ask that you ensure you are not experiencing any COVID or COVID like symptoms. Please do not visit if you have been exposed to COVID or tested positive for COVID within the past 14 days.

Staff Lounge

Staff members are to eat lunch practicing social distancing.

Do not share utensils, dishes, etc. in the staff lounges. Bring your own and take it home daily to wash. If you need silverware, you should grab some from the kitchen and return promptly after use so that it can be washed and sanitized appropriately.

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

- PE, Art, Music, Band - Classes will be held as usual.

Jr/Sr. High Band & Choir

- Classes will be held as usual.

Nurse's Office

Staff/Students -

- Call the nurse's office prior to sending students to the nurse's office
- There will be chairs outside the nurse's office for students to social distance as they wait for the nurse.

Parents -

- Please screen your child for illness 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.
- Please keep your child home when they are not feeling well and/or ill.

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

The school will utilize the latest guidance from the IDPH regarding procedures for COVID illness.

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

- If I suspect I may have COVID-19, Where do I get tested?
Contact your health care provider for the nearest testing site.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

