

Boyd County Public Schools Return to School Plan for 2020-2021 School Year

As we prepare to return to school for the 2020-2021 school year, Boyd County Public Schools would like to make you aware of our plans for attending school during this Covid-19 pandemic. It is our intention to have school start at the normal time on August 14, 2020, with all activities and classes taking place in the normal school setting. At the beginning of the year we will have **NO MASK** requirement for students or staff, but it is at the discretion of the family as to whether or not your student will wear a mask. We will have hand sanitation stations for students and staff as they enter and leave the buildings; as well as continued hand sanitation and cleaning during the school day, as well as after hours. As the school year begins, until further notice, we will dismiss school at 2 p.m. every Friday, allowing Teachers, Para-Staff, and Custodial Staff to sanitize the entire building.

We will be requiring all students to be in attendance at school on a daily basis and they will be counted as absent if they are not in attendance. If we move to the Substantial Spread classification, outlined below, we then will implement our remote learning situation. In the event of a student or staff member contracting Covid-19, the situation will be examined to determine how many people may be required to be tested and held out of school for a period of 14 days. Below you will see how the school will be handling the different school settings, as well as how we will take every step to ensure the safety of all students and staff members, as well as all community members that attend functions and activities at the school. Our plan is in line with information and directives put out by State of Nebraska, Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control, Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association.

The general formats that may be utilized with the reopening of the new school year will fall into one of three modes based on community spread of Covid-19. These modes are (1) low or no spread, (2) minimal or moderate spread, or (3) substantial spread. The general formats that the school year may take, based on these modes would appear to be as follows:

Low/No Spread

School buildings are open, with minimal restrictions. The district may choose to initiate preventative practices or additional proactive protocols.

Minimal/Moderate Spread

School buildings are open, but use may be minimal, altered, or staggered. Such use may be based on social distancing directives.

Substantial Spread

School buildings are closed. The closure may be short-term or extended and will likely be based on state (NDE) or district health declaration.

1. Entering the Building

Low/No Spread- Schools are open implementing standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:

District Considerations:

- Provide hand sanitizer for students, staff, and visitors at all entryways
 - Limit unnecessary congregations of students and staff:
- ◊ Have students report directly to classrooms ◊ Have multiple areas for smaller groupings ◊ Separate groups in the gymnasium
- Post signage in classrooms, hallways and entrances to communicate how to minimize the spread. Covid-19 symptoms, preventative measures, good hygiene, and school specific protocols School buildings are open with the potential for addition precautionary practices in place

Minimal/Moderate Spread- School buildings are open with the potential for addition precautionary practices in place:

District Considerations:

- Designate limited entrances to the building and provide hand sanitizing stations at each of those entrances
- Post signage in classrooms, hallways and entrances to communicate how to minimize the spread. Covid-19 symptoms, preventative measures, good hygiene, and school specific protocols
- Designate flow patterns for entering and exiting the building and mark spacing lines to assist with distancing

Substantial Spread-School buildings are closed: District/school leaders should require only essential staff to report in-person to carry out functions that are absolutely necessary:

District Considerations:

- District/school leaders must remain purposeful in determining roles, responsibilities, and reporting requirements for staff, refraining from blanket reporting requirements
- District/school leaders should leverage virtual tools and platforms whenever possible to conduct essential business and minimize in-person reporting
- District/school leaders might consider splitting staff to attend on alternate days for limited collaboration, for example HS on one day, elementary staff on a different day, or subject level teachers attending one day, consider shortened days

2. Facilities Cleaning

Low/No Spread-District/School may consider:

Student Desks- Have cleaning supplies available to clean between classes. Designate who will be responsible for this cleaning.

Teacher Workspace- Have cleaning supplies available to clean.

Classrooms- Have cleaning supplies available to clean.

Cafeteria/Commons Areas- Have cleaning supplies available to clean.

Buses- Have cleaning supplies available to clean.

Restrooms During Day- Daily cleaning and supplies available for janitorial staff. • Hand Sanitizer before and after entering the restroom. Signage, STRESS handwashing! Consider more frequent cleaning and supplies available for janitorial staff.

Restrooms During Non-School Hours- Signage, stress handwashing and hand sanitizer. Signage, stress handwashing and hand sanitizer. Have janitors cleaning regularly. Signage, stress handwashing and hand sanitizer. Deep clean after events.

Cleaning During the Day, (Water Fountains, Door Knobs, Handles, High Touch Surfaces) - Recommend everyone have their own water bottle. Have wipes/spray available to use on door knobs and handles when used.

Locker Rooms/Weight Room-Daily cleaning and supplies available for janitorial staff. Hand sanitizer before and after entering the bathroom. Signage, Stress handwashing! Educate students on social distancing in the locker rooms and proper sanitation. Clothes go home daily.

Playgrounds-Have cleaning supplies available.

Signage- Signage hung throughout all buildings on (social distancing, temperature checks, washing hands, hand sanitizer and symptoms of Covid-19.

Minimal/Moderate Spread-District/School may consider:

Student Desks- Clean between classes by students entering. Clean their desk/seat.

Teacher Workspace- Consider cleaning area at least once a day.

Classrooms- Clean in between classes by students.

Cafeteria/Commons Areas- Arranged seating, scheduled lunch times. Consider expanding the commons area to classrooms and the gym. Clean or sanitize between groups of students.

Buses- Consider cleaning/fogging after each trip.

Restrooms During Day- Consider more frequent cleaning and supplies available for janitorial staff. Hand Sanitizer before and after entering the restroom. Signage, STRESS handwashing!

Restrooms During Non-School Hours- Signage, stress handwashing and hand sanitizer. Have janitors cleaning regularly.

Cleaning During the Day, (Water Fountains, Door Knobs, Handles, High Touch Surfaces) – Consider shutting down water fountains with everyone having their own water bottle. Clean water fountains frequently. Clean door knobs, handles when used.

Locker Rooms/Weight Room-Supervised locker rooms by school staff to enforce social distancing, hand washing, and hand sanitizing. Continue to educate students on social distancing in the locker rooms and proper sanitation. Clothes go home daily.

Playgrounds-Consider cleaning playground equipment after each recess. No sharing of toys or equipment. Consider social distancing.

Signage- Signage hung throughout all buildings on (social distancing, temperature checks, washing hands, hand sanitizer and symptoms of Covid-19.

Substantial Spread-District/School may consider:

Student Desks- Students not attending at school sites.

Teacher Workspace- Consider cleaning area at least twice a day.

Classrooms- Deep cleaning as needed.

Cafeteria/Commons Areas- Students not attending at school sites.

Buses- Students not being transported.

Restrooms During Day- Deep clean as needed. Signage, STRESS handwashing!

Restrooms During Non-School Hours- Signage, stress handwashing and hand sanitizer. Deep clean after events.

Cleaning During the Day, (Water Fountains, Door Knobs, Handles, High Touch Surfaces) – Consider shutting down water fountains with everyone having their own water bottle. Allowing only staff to refill. Clean door knobs, handles when used.

Locker Rooms/Weight Room-Students not attending at school sites.

Playgrounds-Consider shutting down playground equipment.

Signage- Signage hung throughout all buildings on (social distancing, temperature checks, washing hands, hand sanitizer and symptoms of Covid-19. Update signage as needed or as updates occur.

3. Food Service

Our school will attempt to limit student interactions by practicing social distancing and the following if applicable:

- a. Serve lunch in classrooms or other available spaces.
- b. Expand lunch periods so fewer students are in a space at one time.
- c. Arrange student seating in the cafeteria to allow for social distancing between grade levels

In regards to the distribution of food, our school may consider the following practices:

- a. No use of salad bar or self-serve fruit and vegetable bar; instead provide individually wrapped items.
- b. Use foam or disposable trays.
- c. Food items will be individually packaged or placed on trays by food service personnel. Students may pick up prepackaged items, but a space will be maintained between items to prevent students from touching the food or others.
- d. Food service staff will comply with NDE safety requirements and recommendations such as face shields, gloves, disinfecting, etc.

4. Transportation

Low/No Spread-Bus routes and activity trips operate at full capacity, with reasonable health measures implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19, if deemed feasible by the school district.

Minimal/Moderate Spread-Bus routes and activity trips operate at reduced student capacity, with reasonable health measures implemented to prevent the spread of Covid-19, if deemed feasible by the school district.

Substantial Spread-Students will not be utilizing school transportation.

NDE guidance indicates that school busing operations proceed normally when there is Low/No Spread. Therefore the following considerations will only be applicable if we move to Minimal/Moderate spread, depending on the direction of the school.

- a. Bus Drivers to wear masks at all times while transporting students.
- b. Take the temperature of all students as they enter all busses.
- c. Students will not be allowed to ride school transportation if their temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher.
- d. All students and staff will hand sanitize as they enter school vehicles.
- e. Students occupy double seats with family members only.
- f. Exit from front to back, and load the bus from back to front.
- g. Sanitize all surfaces after every route or trip.

5. Activities- In all cases, the district will follow NSAA guidelines for sporting events and practices. This can be found on the school webpage.

Low/No Spread

No Contact Activities-(i.e. Cross Country, Track and Field)

- a. Full practice and competitions.
- b. For away contests, Activity Director should contact host school district to determine local guidelines for competition. For any significant changes or special conditions that impact parents/visitors/spectators, communicate those to stakeholders in advance.

Limited Contact Activities-(i.e. Volleyball)

- c. Full practice and competitions.
- d. For away contests, Activity Director should contact host school district to determine local guidelines for competition. For any significant changes or special conditions that impact parents/visitors/spectators, communicate those to stakeholders in advance.

Contact Activities-(i.e. Football, Basketball, Music)

- e. Full practice and competitions.
- f. For away contests, Activity Director should contact host school district to determine local guidelines for competition. For any significant changes or special conditions that impact parents/visitors/spectators, communicate those to stakeholders in advance.

FFA, FCCLA, FBLA

- a. Providing hand sanitizer
- b. Allowing students and staff to wear face masks/coverings.
- c. Follow social distancing practices established.
- d. Each individual school or student chooses to attend an activity or not.

Minimal/Moderate Spread

No Contact Activities-(i.e. Cross Country, Track and Field) **Refer to NSAA Return to activities Information Sheet on the school webpage for all activities.**

Limited Contact Activities-(i.e. Volleyball) **Refer to NSAA Return to activities Information Sheet on the school webpage for all activities.**

Contact Activities-(i.e. Football, Basketball, Music) **Refer to NSAA Return to activities Information Sheet on the school webpage for all activities.**

FFA, FCCLA, FBLA

- a. Abide by the maximum number of people allowed to congregate as defined.
- b. Identify and utilize large spaces.
- c. Stagger the schedule for large group gatherings.
- d. Discourage the congregation of students in parking lots and common areas.
- e. Virtual conferences, workshops, and meetings.

Substantial Spread

No Contact Activities-(i.e. Cross Country, Track and Field) **Refer to NSAA Return to activities Information Sheet on the school webpage for all activities.**

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FFA, FCCLA, FBLA-School buildings are closed. Abide by the maximum number of people allowed to congregate as defined by the Governor's current statewide Executive Order.

It is the hope of the school to have as normal of a school year as possible. This list is not all-inclusive, as well as being subject to change. Every step will be taken to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, patrons, and all others that visit the school. We ask that parents limit their visits to the school, and please call the office with any and all concerns. Direct cares and concerns, dependent on where your student attends to the building principal, or the superintendent. Thank you for your patience and understanding in advance, we are in uncharted waters and must be able to adapt as things change.



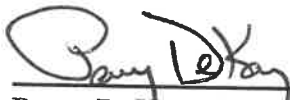
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