

Wahoo Public Schools Reopening Plan  
School Year 2021-22

**Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors (NALHD)**

Below are shared core principles that local health departments (LHDs) in Nebraska consider when making recommendations and advising local schools about how to safely reopen and stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- LHDs statewide monitoring and evaluating public health data related to COVID-19 in our local jurisdiction daily.
- LHDs want Nebraska schools to open and stay open. We recognize the unique nature of schools and the education system's role in the economic and well-being of children and adults.
- LHDs work closely with our local schools and ESUs to develop reasonable plans for social distancing and masking in school facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These plans need to be locally-responsive and aim to create school environments that will minimize the impact on the school community and the student learning experience when students or staff test positive for COVID-19.

Key recommendations that these plans include when community spread is occurring include:

- All staff and students have the option of wearing cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth.
- General physical distancing of 3 feet between individuals whenever possible.
- Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.

When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual may be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from the CDC at that time. LHDs will work with schools to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building:

- What is the level of community spread outside of the school building?
- Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?
- Were other students who were within 3 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes masked?
- To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions?
- The answers to these questions will determine:
  - The number of close contacts.
  - If the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom.
  - The number of other students and staff who will need to take extra measures to prevent spread.

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The district has worked hard to forge a valuable relationship with entities from the local to state level in developing the reopening plan for students and families. For Wahoo Public, we will have three tiers of modifications, loosely based on the risk dial previously used by the health department, but not strictly aligned. Additionally, individual portions of the guidance below may vary from the color level based on administrative discretion. Finally, portions of this plan may vary between the elementary and middle/high school buildings.

### COVID **Green/Yellow**

- All students in grades PK-12 will attend school in person.
- Accommodations may be made for K-12 students who are unable to attend due to an existing disability identified through and IEP or 504 plan. Remote learning may be utilized as part of such accommodation.
- While dependant on updated recommendations from Three Rivers, masks will be worn when reasonable and appropriate in all of our buildings and vehicles. In general, if social distancing of 6 feet or greater cannot be achieved, masks are expected to be utilized by students and staff. If individuals are unable to have their own mask, one will be provided for them in situations that warrant use. Students and staff are encouraged to bring school-appropriate masks with them to school.

### COVID **Orange**

- All students in grades PK-12 will be participating in an educational program. However, due to directed health measures, attendance may be limited to 50% capacity on a given day. The purpose of 50% capacity would be to further emphasize and practice social distancing. The district will construct an A/B format for days in attendance if this format becomes a requirement.
- Accommodations will be made for students not attending in person to participate in classroom activities via electronic means.
- While dependent on updated recommendations from Three Rivers, masks will be worn when reasonable and appropriate in all of our buildings and vehicles. In general, if social distancing of 6 feet or greater cannot be achieved, masks are expected to be utilized by students and staff. If individuals are unable to have their own mask, one will be provided for them in situations that warrant use. Students and staff are encouraged to bring school-appropriate masks with them to school.

### COVID **Red**

- All district facilities will be closed and education will be provided remotely to students, engaging them from their homes.

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Pre-Screening/Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will pre-screen students at home for fever and symptoms related to COVID-19</li> <li>Staff and students should not attend school if they are symptomatic</li> <li>School health employees may randomly screen groups at school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will pre-screen students at home for fever and symptoms related to COVID-19</li> <li>Staff and students should not attend school if they are symptomatic</li> <li>School health employees will randomly screen groups at school</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Bussing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks may be expected</li> <li>Seating arrangement for riders may be implemented</li> <li>Busses cleaned after each route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks expected</li> <li>Seating arrangement for riders</li> <li>Busses cleaned after each route</li> <li>May further limit bus capacity</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Arrival/Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 7:45 am</li> <li>Students will report to first period/homeroom class</li> <li>Masks may be expected to be worn during the “passing time”, traveling from the entry door to the classroom and from the classroom to the exit door</li> <li>Students will sanitize hands upon entering classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 7:45 am</li> <li>Students will report to first period/homeroom class</li> <li>Masks are expected to be worn during the “passing time”, traveling from the entry door to the classroom and from the classroom to the exit door</li> <li>Students will sanitize hands upon entering classroom</li> </ul>	All facilities closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the conclusion of the day, students are expected to exit the building immediately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the conclusion of the day, students are expected to exit the building immediately</li> </ul>	
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	COVID <b>Green/Yellow</b>	COVID <b>Orange</b>	COVID <b>Red</b>
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distancing will be considered 6 feet or greater</li> <li>Efforts will be made to distance seating arrangements and how people interact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distancing will be considered 6 feet or greater</li> <li>Efforts will be made to distance seating arrangements and how people interact</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Handwashing/Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff will be expected to practice good hygiene</li> <li>Upon entering a new classroom, each person should wash or sanitize their hands with available product</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff will be expected to practice good hygiene</li> <li>Upon entering a new classroom, each person should wash or sanitize their hands with available product</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks may be expected to be worn when social distancing cannot be achieved</li> <li>During times of heavy traffic (start/end of the day, passing periods, lunch), masks may be expected to be worn</li> <li>When distanced 6 feet or greater in a controlled environment, masks may be removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks will be expected to be worn at all times</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks may be expected to be worn during passing periods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks will be expected to be worn during passing periods</li> </ul>	All facilities closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals will sanitize hands upon entering a new classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals will sanitize hands upon entering a new classroom</li> <li>• Passing periods may be limited</li> </ul>	
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	COVID <b>Green/Yellow</b>	COVID <b>Orange</b>	COVID <b>Red</b>
Desks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating arrangements will be established and maintained in each classroom</li> <li>• Desks will be cleaned after each class period, if students rotate through classrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating arrangements will be established and maintained in each classroom</li> <li>• Desks will be cleaned after each class period, if students rotate through classrooms</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All communal use water fountains will be closed</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to bring water bottles and fill at the fountains that have filling stations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All communal use water fountains will be closed</li> <li>• Students are encouraged to bring water bottles and fill at the fountains that have filling stations</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Vending Machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vending machines will be open for use</li> <li>• High touch surfaces will be cleaned on regular basis throughout the day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All vending machines will be closed</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Cafeteria/Breakfast/Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast will be Grab-and-Go that the student can pick up before reporting to their classroom when they arrive</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria (if possible) with students sitting in assigned seats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast will be Grab-and-Go that the student can pick up before reporting to their classroom when they arrive</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria (if possible) with students sitting in assigned seats and socially distanced</li> </ul>	All facilities closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are encouraged to bring lunches from home to limit exposure, if they so choose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are encouraged to bring lunches from home to limit exposure, if they so choose</li> </ul>	
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	COVID <b>Green/Yellow</b>	COVID <b>Orange</b>	COVID <b>Red</b>
Playground/Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent playground equipment usage allowed</li> <li>Cleaning procedures established</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent playground equipment usage NOT allowed</li> <li>Signage posted with restrictions</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Teacher Workroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social distancing encouraged</li> <li>Clean surfaces before sitting</li> <li>If working, only use space for activities that cannot be completed in classroom</li> <li>If eating, encouraged to maintain social distancing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social distancing expected</li> <li>If working, only use space for activities that cannot be completed in classroom</li> <li>If eating, strongly recommend eating in classroom</li> </ul>	All facilities closed
Extra-Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to NSAA guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to NSAA guidelines</li> </ul>	No activities
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow guidelines from health department</li> <li>Mask use may be expected</li> <li>Communicate with direct supervisor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow guidelines from health department</li> <li>Mask use is expected</li> <li>Communicate with direct supervisor</li> </ul>	No travel
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors should schedule with building administrator prior to arrival</li> <li>Visitors will be screened by office staff before entering the building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential visitors only</li> <li>Must be scheduled with building administrator</li> <li>Visitors will be screened by office staff before entering the building</li> </ul>	All facilities closed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visitors may be required to wear masks</li><li>• Sign in at the office and use hand sanitizer upon arrival</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visitors will be required to wear masks</li><li>• Sign in at the office and use hand sanitizer upon arrival</li></ul>	
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**Pre-Screening of Students  
(to be done at home by parents)**

1. Has the child been in close contact, without a mask, of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
2. Does the child currently have a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater?
3. Does the child currently exhibit any of the following symptoms:
  - a. Frequent cough
  - b. Shortness of or difficulty breathing
  - c. Unusually sore throat
  - d. Unexplained sore chest
  - e. Loss of taste and/or smell
  - f. Diarrhea or nausea