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Empowering All Students for Success

The mission of the Holdrege Public Schools is to prepare students to be lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens by providing a quality education in cooperation with family and community.

2020-21 Return to School Plan

Holdrege Public Schools will utilize information from health care professionals at Phelps Memorial Health Center (PMHC) and Family Medical Specialties (FMS) to assess COVID-19 spread risk levels on a continual basis and communicate operational impacts on curricular and extracurricular programs and district operations via the district website, notification system, and social media pages. This information is being provided to HPS families so that they can help their students prepare for a successful transition to the 2020-21 school year. It is imperative that staff, students, and parents communicate and support the educational process to help students succeed.

Risk Levels	 Low	 Moderate	 High	 Severe
School Calendar	HPS will follow the school calendar approved by the Board of Education. The calendar is available on the district website: K-12 First day of School August 13 th ; PK First day of School August 17 th .			
School Academic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School in regular session on campus. School in regular session on campus. School schedules and/or calendar may be altered to meet instructional requirements. School in regular session when possible with implementation of blended remote learning, modified school schedules, and limited student contact as needed. School schedules and/or calendar may be altered to meet instructional requirements. Implementation of long-term remote learning, blended remote learning, modified school schedules, and limited student contact as needed. School schedules and/or calendar may be altered to meet instructional requirements. <p>* Administration and staff will work with families of students with documented medical situations. The expectation for students will be in-person learning and/or as described in the district's reentry plan for 2020-21. Student attendance will be handled according to district policy and as published in the student-parent handbook. The district will work with students and families to provide reasonable accommodations outside of in-person learning for those students with qualifying conditions related to their verified disability, 504 plan, IEP, or as documented by their physician.</p>			
Temperature Checks & Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families should practice at-home screening for temperature, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, and other symptoms. Students should not report to school if symptomatic. Temperature checks will be conducted upon arrival at school. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be provided a mask if needed, isolated, and sent home.			
Return to School After Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students returning to school after illness must be fever and symptom free without medication for a full day (24 hours) to return to school and will be required to wear a mask while in attendance for 7 days. Students returning to school after illness must be fever and symptom free without medication for three days (72 hours) to return to school and will be required to wear a mask while in attendance for 7 days.			
Student Drop Off & Pick Up	Parents are asked to stay in or by their vehicle when dropping off or picking up students. Students may not congregate at entrances. Social distancing practices should be followed. PK-4 students will be seated by class in the gym. Students arriving after the school day begins must report to office. Students will be dismissed as usual.			
Masks, Social Distancing & Safe Hygiene Practices	<p>IMPORTANT NOTE: Masks are encouraged – students and staff are much more likely to be able to remain in school and active in extracurricular activities if they have been wearing a mask during the time they may have been exposed to another individual who tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>HPS may provide a limited number of cloth face masks per student and staff member throughout the year. The family is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing cloth face masks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are encouraged, but not required with attention to social distancing and safe hygiene practices. Masks are encouraged, but not required with attention to social distancing, safe hygiene practices, and implementation of frequent disinfecting of high traffic areas. Masks will be worn throughout the day with increased attention to social distancing, safe hygiene practices, and implementation of frequent disinfecting of high traffic areas. Masks will be optional when outside or in situations where wearing masks may not be feasible. <p>If there are circumstances related to qualifying disabilities such that a student or staff member cannot wear a face mask, then a face shield or other accommodation may be utilized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff will sanitize their hands upon entering the building, each classroom, and cafeteria. PK-4 students will have scheduled hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the day. Grades 5-12 students will be reminded of safe hygiene practices. Drinking fountains will be shut off and students will use their water bottles and refill at the filler stations. Students will maintain hygiene of laptops or other technology devices.			

Transportation	<p>Masks: ■ Optional; ■ ■ Required</p> <p>■ Normal rural and in-town shuttle routes. Parents are encouraged to bring their child to school if they can to assist with social distancing on buses. Students will load back to front and unload front to back.</p> <p>■ ■ In the morning, students will have their temperature checked prior to boarding the bus. A parent, or other responsible adult, is expected to wait at the bus stop until the student boards the bus. Any student that fails to pass the temperature screening will not be permitted to board the bus and will be sent home with the parent or responsible adult. Students will load back to front and unload front to back.</p> <p>■ In-town courtesy shuttle service will be suspended.</p> <p>■ No transportation due to remote learning.</p>
Food Service	<p>Food service staff will follow safety protocols and wear PPE.</p> <p>No salad bar.</p> <p>■ ■ ■ PK-4 students eat breakfast/lunch in cafeteria with social distancing.</p> <p>■ ■ ■ 5-12 students grab and go breakfast and eat lunch in cafeteria with social distancing.</p> <p>■ District may provide a pick-up only breakfast and lunch program.</p>
Facilities Cleaning	<p>Additional safety protocols will be utilized at increased risk levels.</p> <p>Normal cleaning procedures, including using disinfect wipes, disinfectant fogger and sprayer, and other cleaning products as needed.</p> <p>Classrooms will be cleaned during the teacher's planning period or each night including wiping down of door knobs, desks, chairs, and common equipment.</p> <p>Lunchroom will be cleaned after breakfast and lunch each day.</p> <p>Cleaning procedures include light switches, doors knobs, hallways, and restrooms,</p> <p>Gloves and PPE equipment may be used by custodial staff.</p> <p>Students will wipe down their own laptops, desk, chair, and lockers.</p>
Extracurricular Programs & Field Trips	<p>NSAA guidelines will be followed.</p> <p>■ Sports, activities, and field trips will proceed with social distancing when possible.</p> <p>■ ■ Temperature screening will be conducted daily for participants and staff, as well as prior to boarding any activities bus or van. Student sports participants will be issued a water bottle. Safe hygiene practices and cleaning protocols will be followed. At increased risk levels, small group and individual drills will be emphasized rather than full team contact. Field trips may be suspended.</p> <p>■ Extracurricular activities and field trips will be suspended.</p>
Visitors & Volunteers	<p>Visitors will be allowed to enter the building during school hours at COVID-19 risk levels of green, yellow, and orange with prior approval only. Visitors will be required to follow all rules associated with the current risk level. No visitors will be allowed to enter the building during school hours when the COVID-19 risk level is red.</p> <p>Lunch guests, classroom volunteers, mentors, and other special drop-in guests will not be allowed until further notice.</p> <p>Family members will be allowed for special meetings such as IEP and health-related meetings.</p>
Response to Positive COVID-19 Cases	<p>When a positive HPS student or staff COVID-19 case is confirmed, the individual will not be in attendance until medical clearance is obtained. HPS administration and staff will consult with local medical professionals from PMHC and/or FMS to consider the following questions; when determining how that case will impact others on campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the level of community spread outside the school building?</i> • <i>Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?</i> • <i>Were other students and staff who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes masked?</i> • <i>Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day?</i> • <i>To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions (hand washing, hand sanitizers, etc.)?</i> <p>The answers to these questions will determine the following: 1) the number of close contacts; 2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in school; and 3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined.</p>
Employee Attendance	<p>The Board of Education and Administration will follow applicable district policies, as well as state and federal laws regarding employee attendance.</p>