

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS































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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.

2023-24 Safe Return to School Plan

This information is being provided to HPS families so that they can help their students prepare for a successful transition to the 2023-24 school year. It is imperative that staff, students, and parents communicate and support the educational process to help students succeed.

COVID 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.			
School Academic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School in regular session on campus. School in regular session on campus. 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 plan for 2021-22. 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	    Families should practice at-home screening for temperature, cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, and other symptoms. Students should not report to school if symptomatic.			
Return to School After Illness	Students returning to school after illness must be fever and symptom free without medication for a full day (24 hours) to return to school.			
Student Drop Off & Pick Up	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are not required, attention to social distancing and safe hygiene practices. Masks are not required, attention to social distancing, safe hygiene practices, and implementation of frequent disinfecting of high traffic areas. Masks will be recommended, 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 may have scheduled hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the day. Students will maintain hygiene of laptops or other technology devices.			
Transportation	Masks:    Optional    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.  No transportation due to remote learning.			
Food Service	Food service staff will follow safety protocols.    PK-12 students eat breakfast/lunch in cafeteria with social distancing.  District may provide a pick-up only breakfast and lunch program.			
Facilities Cleaning	Additional safety protocols will be utilized at increased risk levels. Normal cleaning procedures, including using disinfectant wipes, disinfectant fogger and sprayer, and other cleaning products as needed.			

Extracurricular Programs & Field Trips	<p>NSAA guidelines will be followed.</p> <p>■ ■ ■ Sports, activities, and field trips will proceed as normal with attention to safe hygiene practices and cleaning protocols.</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 risk levels of green, yellow, and orange. 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 risk level is red.</p> <p>Family members will be allowed for special meetings such as IEP and health-related meetings.</p>
Response to Positive COVID Cases	<p>When a positive HPS student or staff COVID case is confirmed, the individual will not be in attendance until medical clearance is obtained. HPS administration and nursing staff will determine 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 wearing a mask most of the time?</i> • <i>Were other students and staff who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID for more than 15 minutes masked?</i> • <i>Was the individual with COVID 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>

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