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## Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic Information & Planning

Several difficult decisions are being made in regards to COVID-19 and Wauneta-Palisade School students, staff, and community. At this time, Wauneta-Palisade Schools will remain open. Currently, there is no evidence of any Wauneta-Palisade staff member or student who has been directly exposed to COVID-19. The district will maintain communication with the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, ESU #15, Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, and other government agencies on an ongoing basis about how to proceed. The district will follow the recommendations from these agencies in order to make an informed decision on activity postponements and school closure.

Wauneta-Palisade School activities including practices, competitions, fine art activities, FFA events, field trips, dances, and concerts are suspended or postponed until March 30, 2020. Decisions on these suspensions and postponements will be reevaluated on an ongoing basis. School building access is restricted to students, parents, and only those who are explicitly authorized by building principals.

Staff and students are encouraged to stay home if they are sick. As always, please notify the school office about the absence. At this point, Wauneta-Palisade will not count absences towards the 20-day chronic absenteeism limit as long as the district receives communication regarding the illness from a parent or guardian. A note from a medical provider is not necessary.

The district will take extra precautions to keep staff and students safe. If a student is not feeling well, if they are experiencing a fever, flu-like symptoms and/or a cough, they should stay home. Also if a student has traveled to an at-risk area or has been exposed to someone with coronavirus, they are urged to self-quarantine at home from 14 days of their most recent travel or contact.

Resources:

[Talking to Children about COVID-19: A Parent Resource](#)

[Helping Children Cope with Stress During a COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[How to Protect Yourself: CDC](#)