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Safe Return Plan

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This document will be updated by administration as new information is received and changes occur.

Wauneta-Palisade Mission Statement:

Inspiring our youth and expecting results every day

Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools intends to be prepared to meet the health and safety needs of its students and staff during the 2023-24 school year, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The district will adjust protocols and procedures as needed, to meet the needs of students, staff, and parents of Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools.

The district has been given guidance from several entities; Nebraska Department of Education, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department, Nebraska School Activities Association, Nebraska Rural Schools Association, Center for Disease Control and others that we have been using to plan and prepare to safely continue to educate our students in the 2023-2024 school year.

We ask that you read the following information and contact Mr. Geier or Mr. Frecks if you have any questions or concerns.

Pre Screening at Home:

Parents screen children at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms. Random screening if necessary. Teachers self-screen at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms. DO NOT report to school if symptomatic and contact a medical professional for guidance.

- At this time students who test positive or show symptoms will be asked to remain out of school for a minimum of 5 days and be symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school or school activities.
 - Students can return sooner than 5 days if they get an alternate diagnosis or a negative covid test and have been symptom free for 24 hours.

Students ill at school:

Children who become ill at school will be placed in a designated area away from other students and staff members.

All non-school persons entering and exiting the building must sign in documenting date and time.

Masks and Face Coverings:

Face coverings are NOT required but may be worn.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing:

Students and staff should sanitize their hands consistently, i.e. upon entering the building, entering a classroom, exiting a classroom, and before and after eating. Hand sanitizer will be made available throughout the school.

Testing Protocols for students and Responding to Positive Cases

Students sent home from school should be kept home from school for a minimum of 5 days and be symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school or school activities.

- Students can return sooner than 5 days if they get an alternate diagnosis, or a negative covid test, and have been symptom free for 24 hours.

Medically Vulnerable Students and Teachers

The school administration, School Nurse, and Special Education Teachers and staff will systematically review all current plans for accommodating students with special healthcare needs and up-date their care plans as needed to decrease their risk for exposure to COVID 19.

Hygiene:

The school will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors. We will teach and reinforce proper handwashing. We will clean and disinfect each classroom daily.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports:

All activities are cleared for full participation at this point in time. We will follow all guidelines from the NSAA and the local health department.

Vaccinations: All staff will be able to get a vaccination.

We also encourage you to check out the following resources regarding Coronavirus from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

Coronavirus Summary: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Frequently asked Questions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>