

## **Nemaha Central Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services**

Nemaha Central USD #115 plans to return to pre-pandemic operations starting on June 1, 2021.

### PART I.

*Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:*

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

The requirement to wear a mask **ended** on June 1, 2021, for USD #115 Nemaha Central. Moving forward, if students, staff, or visitors want to wear a mask they may **but it is not required.**

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/podding).

Nemaha Central Schools has added staff to help reduce the number of students in classrooms which allows for more physical distancing. However, there will be no cohorting, podding, or hybrid learning used in mass throughout the district as we return to pre-pandemic operations.

Facilities are open for use to the public (after request has been approved) and visitors to buildings will be allowed as per policy.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Nemaha Central Schools will continue to teach and promote proper handwashing and respiratory hygiene/etiquette as we did prior to the pandemic.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

Nemaha Central Schools custodial staff will continue to clean and disinfect facilities to help the spread of any/all infectious diseases. These efforts will be modified to meet specific needs as they arise. The HVAC systems had UV lighting added to them during the 2020-2021 school year to help viral and bacterial reduction.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

Nemaha Central Schools will work with Nemaha County Community Health Services to conduct contact tracing, isolation, and/or quarantining for any infectious disease as required by Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

Additionally, the district will address student absences (short or long-term), make-up work, and any other school-related issues due to absenteeism as we did prior to the pandemic.

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

Nemaha Central Schools does not do diagnostic testing or screening. We will work with Nemaha County Community Health Services and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment if or when needed.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

Nemaha Central Schools provided all staff the opportunity to receive vaccinations in spring of 2021. Vaccinations for students and staff **WILL NOT be required by the district.** We will work with the Nemaha County Community Health Services and Kansas Department of Health and Environment on any efforts for volunteer vaccinations.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

Nemaha Central Schools will provide reasonable, necessary, and appropriate accommodations to its policies and practices for students with disabilities as determined by individual student needs and in accordance with an individual's documented accommodations and/or individualized education plan (IEP). Parents or guardians of students requiring accommodations should contact the applicable building administrator(s) to request information on plans for students with disabilities.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Nemaha Central Schools personnel currently participate, and will continue to participate, with Nemaha County Community Health Services and/or other agencies on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed.

Part II.

*Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:*

(A) services to address students' academic needs

Nemaha Central Schools were in session, in-person for the majority of our students the entire 2020-2021 school year with a few families choosing remote learning. Because of this, our data shows that we had very limited student learning loss. We will continue to offer summer school, after school programs, and other student support services throughout the 2021-2022 school year for students that need additional support.

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

Nemaha Central Schools purchased an Employee Assistance Plan that provides mental health services to our staff through New Directions. We continue to offer social-emotional support to our students using our counseling staff, social workers, and hired a full time Licensed Clinical Mental Health Provider.

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

Free meals will be made available for all students during the 2021-2022 school year. We will continue to offer nursing services and work with our local clinic and hospital to provide any additional health service needs for our students.