



Hitchcock County Schools

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Back to School COVID 19 Plan 2023-2024 June 9, 2023

Hello Falcon Nation,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and doing their best to keep safe. I want to update you on the status of starting school in the fall on August 15th. We have been given guidance from several different 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 for a safe start to the 2023-2024 school year. I ask that you read the following information and please call the schools to speak to Mr. Sattler, Ms. McCarter, or Mr. Tines if you have any questions. Any comments, questions, or ideas you have in regards to this return to school plan please email to the superintendent of schools, Mr. Robert Sattler, at rsattler@hcfalcons.org.

The planning committee met and determined that due to having no Covid 19 cases reported to us during the 2022-2023 school year we will proceed with the beginning of school in the same manner we finished the last month of school last year. The following is the plan we will follow for the 2023-2024 school year. Again if you have any questions, thoughts, or ideas regarding this please contact me at rsattler@hcfalcons.org.

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 call a medical professional.**

Students ill at school.

Children who become ill at school will be placed in a designated area of quarantine. Parents or guardians will be contacted. Students sent home from school should be kept home until they have completely recovered and are free from fever for at least 24 hours.

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

Medically Vulnerable Students and Teachers

The school administration, School Nurse, and Special Education Teachers and staff will systematically review all current plans (e.g., Individual Healthcare Plans, Individualized Education Plans or 504 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 schools will provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (e.g., soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and older children, paper towels, and tissues). We will teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol by staff and older students. We will systematically and frequently check and refill hand sanitizers we will encourage staff and students to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue

Ventilation: Maintenance and custodial staff will routinely check and change filters in the HVAC system.

LUNCH ROOM:

Students will wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before being served.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports:

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

If you suspect your student is ill, please keep them home from school and please be sure to call the school to let us know. Please check the school website for updates on this plan. Thank you for your support.

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Robert Sattler
Superintendent/Principal
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Reviewed by committee June 6, 2023