

Return to School Framework

Nebraska Christian Schools

August 4, 2020

NC Stakeholders,

The circumstances created by the coronavirus have evolved quickly up to this point and are likely to continue to evolve further. As a result, our response plan and this correlating document are also likely to change. While we will do our best to take the information available to us and apply logic to all recommendations, we also know that there will be a variance in opinions of how we should proceed and many variables that go into these decisions. Thank you for having conversations and expressing your concerns with us. We will also take information and do our best to make accommodations to any stakeholders who feel additional safety is merited at any given operational zone. The most up-to-date mitigation plan will be posted at nebraskachristian.org. Please pray with us as we broach this complex set of circumstances.

Our mission for the 2020-21 school year remains the same: We assist the family and church in **providing a Christ-centered education and encouraging a love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ** with an ultimate vision of **equipping our students with a Biblical Worldview that empowers them to stand on Truth.**

That being said, there are additional safety considerations that we will strive to serve our students and staff with this year in an attempt to mitigate Covid-19, a disease that has wreaked havoc on many throughout our state, nation, and world. I challenge you to speak with love and invite those around you to join the ever-lasting peace that we get to experience as believers. It is our goal to be beacons of hope and light for the masses during this period.

Please email nc@nebraskachristian.org with questions or concerns about this plan, and join us in prayer for this school year.

For His glory,

Tim Hekrdle
Superintendent/Principal
Nebraska Christian Schools

Father God,

We pray for your intervention and protection over the NCS community for this coming school year. We pray that we are able to take a common sense, reasonable approach that balances the education and discipleship of our students with the current health concerns that are present throughout our community, state, and nation. We pray for daily discernment that we may balance the risks to those that are more vulnerable with the importance of educating our students. We pray for your financial, human, and other provisions to be present at our school so that we may best serve our students and so that our students and families can best serve one another. We pray that we would not operate out of fear or self-ambition and well-being, but instead that we would operate out of service to your kingdom and the least of these (the most vulnerable in this case) and most likely to be affected by the current circumstances. Most of all, Lord God, we pray that through the actions, reactions, plans, and mitigation strategies, each Christ-follower would fulfill their obligation to be a shining witness and fulfill their service to Your Kingdom.

Amen

Operational Zone Overview

Zone	Green--DHM Phase IV--Low Risk	Yellow--DHM Phase III--Moderate Risk	Orange--DHM Phase II--Elevated Risk	Red--DHM Phase I--Pandemic
Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No or very isolated confirmed cases in region/state No Directed Health Measures that impact our school setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed case(s) in community/region/state State Directed Health Measures that impact our school setting Guidance from Governor or Commissioner of Education Assessment of risk dials from regional health departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed case(s) in students and staff State Directed Health Measures that impact our school setting Guidance from Governor or Commissioner of Education Assessment of risk dials from regional health departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11% of student/staff confirmed Covid positive State Directed Health Measures that impact our school setting Guidance from Governor or Commissioner of Education Assessment of risk dials from regional health departments
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-12 Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-12 Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-12 Students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-12 Students
What	<p>PK-12 Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional Classroom setting on campus <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities occurring as normal 	<p>PK-12 Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional classroom setting with mitigation strategies on campus (see below) <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitions and meets hosted on campus following local district health recommendations and NSAA Guidelines 	<p>PK-6 Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional classroom setting with mitigation strategies limiting layout and teaching practices for some classes and settings <p>7-12 hybrid learning system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of students on-site for learning two days/week and remote learning for the other two days. Students requiring more academic support will be assessed on an individual basis to allow additional time on campus <p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No competitions or meets Modified practices Following NSAA guidelines 	<p>PK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes suspended while in this zone <p>K-12 Academics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote Learning Students will use a personal device or check a device out from the school to facilitate remote learning. No activities; participants may develop talent at home with coaching through remote learning
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't anticipate to be in this operational zone this school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We anticipate that the vast majority of this school year will be carried out in this operational zone. Movement from this operational zone would be determined by a risk assessment team using the <i>indicators</i> above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement to this operational zone would be determined by a risk assessment team using the <i>indicators</i> above. Please know that our goal will be to mitigate and return back to the yellow operational zone as quickly as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movement to this operational zone will be determined by a risk assessment team using the <i>indicators</i> above. It will be our goal to mitigate and return back to the orange and yellow as quickly as possible.
Where	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCS Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCS Campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCS Campus/Home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home
Mitigation Strategies (How)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good hygiene recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy distancing implemented throughout the day PK-8 will stay with same class/group (cohort) throughout the day N95 Protective masks recommended (not required) for vulnerable staff or students Face coverings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended (not required) for 5-12 grade students and all staff at all times and required at limited times, when other mitigation strategies are not possible, for example: higher risk situations such as bussing where cohorts, distancing, or other strategies cannot be implemented Not required for PK-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited number of students on-site Healthy distancing implemented throughout the day PK-8 will stay with same class/group (cohort) throughout the day N95 Protective masks recommended (not required) for vulnerable staff or students Face coverings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff required 5-12 grade students required to wear masks majority of time (e.g. in buildings) NOT required for PK-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA

Risk Analysis & Operational Zone Determination

Risk-Analysis Committee	<p>The Risk-Analysis Committee shall consist of the school leadership team, identified staff, local medical providers, and outside health officials.</p> <p>Some or all of this team will meet...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green = As needed ● Yellow = Every other week ● Orange = Weekly ● Red = Weekly or more
Risk-Analysis Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local health professionals team/recommendation (closest to the work) ● Number of known/suspected cases in the community ● Risk Dials & health official consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Central Health District ○ Four Corners Health District ● Directed Health Measures ● Mandate or Action By the Governor or Commissioner of Education

Temporary School Response to Covid-19 Plan

These are the minimum responses that the school will take. We are required to work with local health departments who may ask you to isolate or quarantine more aggressively. They handle each situation case by case.

Student/Staff who has <u>tested Covid-19 positive</u>	<p>Out of school 10 days from onset of symptoms or positive test</p> <p>Symptoms improving (without medication) for 24 hours or longer at time of return to school</p>
Student/Staff who has <u>symptoms that align with Covid</u> (but has not yet received a positive test)	<p>Parents, please view Screening & re-admittance guidance provided by the local health department and follow accordingly.</p>