



Ansley Public School

Return to Learn Plan 2020-2021

RETURN TO LEARN PLAN (revised 10/12/20)

Our goal is to provide an in-person education that is safe for our students and staff. With guidance and recommendations from the Nebraska Department of Education, local health departments, local medical providers, and the school board, the following plan has been created to establish and maintain a learning environment that is as safe as possible.

-Any decision for a closure and a return to remote learning will be made by the Governor, the Nebraska Department of Education, the Loup Basin Health Department and/or local health providers. One or all of these parties will determine the length of the closure.

-It will be very important for parents to self-screen students at home for temperature and cold-related symptoms. Students who have temperatures over 100.4 will not be allowed to attend school. Please look for the following symptoms as well: cough, chills, fever, shortness of breath, muscle pains, loss of taste/smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or headache. If a student has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or recently traveled to a "hot spot", please be extra diligent in monitoring and self-screening. When in doubt, have your student stay home and follow health department guidelines.

-If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Loup Basin Health Department will lead all contact tracing while collaborating with Ansley administration. Those students and staff with direct exposure who need to isolate, quarantine, or self-monitor will be contacted directly by Loup Basin Health Department or Ansley administration. All families and staff will be notified if there is a positive case in the building. Please make sure that the office has your current contact information.

-Students or staff members may return to school after quarantine or isolation with written permission by a health care provider OR if tested positive, at least 10 calendar days have passed, at least 24 hours fever free without medication, and other symptoms have improved OR if tested positive and asymptomatic, at least 10 calendar days have passed since positive collection date OR if tested negative with symptoms, fever has subsided for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms have improved. If symptoms are the result of a different diagnosis, a doctor's note will be required.

The following pages outline measures that the school will take regarding the following: Student and Staff Health, Cleaning Practices, Inside the Classroom, and Outside the Classroom. If you have any questions, contact the administration.

Student and Staff Health

- Parents and staff will monitor symptoms at home before school.
- Students and staff will practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- Students and staff may choose to wear masks.
- Sanitizing stations will be set up around the school.
- Signage posted around the building will stress handwashing, social distancing, etc.
- Teachers will practice social distancing, hand-washing, and other preventative strategies with students regularly.
- Parents and other visitors will check in with the office.
- Appropriate staff members will be trained to recognize and monitor symptoms.
- Students/staff who demonstrate symptoms will be sent home. School will follow DHM guidelines and recommendations of the Loup Basin Health Department.

When deemed necessary, the following will occur:

- Parents and other visitors will only be allowed in the office unless deemed necessary by administration.
- Masks worn by students will be highly recommended and/or required.
- Masks worn by staff members will be required when social distancing is not possible.

If mandated to close the school building, the following will occur:

- Students will not be allowed in the building.
 - Health checks will be performed for each person who enters the building.
 - Visitors will not be allowed in the building unless deemed necessary by administration.
 - Wearing masks will be recommended for those who are in the building.
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Cleaning Practices

- Students will sanitize/wash hands before and after eating, using playground equipment, using the restroom, etc.
- Regular drinking fountains will not be in use. Students will use touchless water fountains to fill personal water bottles.
- Elementary desks and tables will be cleaned as needed throughout the day.
- Secondary desks and tables will be cleaned at the end of each class period.
- All classrooms will be cleaned daily.
- Shared materials/equipment will be disinfected after each use.
- Handles, railings, and other commonly touched areas around the building will be cleaned periodically throughout the day.
- Restrooms and locker rooms will be cleaned daily.
- School vehicles will be disinfected after each use.

When deemed necessary, the following will occur:

- Playground equipment will be disinfected daily.
- Restrooms and locker rooms will be disinfected periodically each day.

If mandated to close the school building, the following will occur:

- Deep cleaning of building as needed
- Playground will be closed

Inside the Classroom

- Attendance will be taken as normal for all students.

- Teachers will practice and reinforce social distancing, hand-washing, and other preventative procedures with students.
- Seating arrangements will allow for as much distance between students as possible.
- Tables and desks will face the same direction when possible.
- Teachers will have specific seating assignments for students and will keep a seating chart.
- Group and peer work in the classroom will be modified.
- Teachers will integrate technology into daily lessons and will teach students how to use the following online learning tools: Google Classroom, School email, Zoom.
- Teachers will establish electronic communication with students and parents.
- Teachers will utilize standard grading practices.

When deemed necessary, the following will occur:

- Daily schedule may be slightly altered to accommodate less traffic in hallways and other common areas.
- Group and peer work will be minimal.
- Teachers will familiarize students with remote learning guidelines and expectations.

If mandated to close the school building, the following will occur:

- Learning will be done remotely.
 - Depending on the age of the student, students may have computers checked out to them.
 - Teachers will communicate frequently with parents and students electronically and otherwise.
 - Teachers will practice flexible lesson planning.
 - Remote learning guidelines and expectations will be shared with parents.
 - Students will follow remote learning guidelines and expectations.
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Outside the Classroom

- Students will practice social distancing to the greatest extent possible during passing periods, at lunch, recess, in the restroom and locker rooms, and before and after school.
- Students will wash hands and/or use sanitizer after recess.
- Breakfast and lunch will have no self-serve food or drinks.
- Food service staff will comply with NDE safety requirements and recommendations.
- Buses will be used instead of vans for daily bus routes unless carrying 5 or fewer students (or family groups).
- Students will distance themselves as much as possible on buses. Family members may sit together.
- VIP After-School Program staff and students will practice social distancing, hand washing, etc. to the greatest extent possible
- Athletics and activities will follow NSAA and DHM guidelines and recommendations of the Loup Basin Health Department.

When deemed necessary, the following will occur:

- Lunch times will be staggered and/or additional tables will be placed in the gym to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria.
- Recess times will be staggered to reduce the number of students on the playground.
- Passing periods will be staggered to reduce the number of students in the hallways.
- Students will use sanitizer when entering and exiting the bus.
- Students will sit in assigned seats on the bus. First students to be picked up will sit in back of bus and so on. Students in front of bus will exit bus first and so on.
- VIP After-Program schedule may be adjusted to allow for more staff members to be present.

If mandated to close the school building, the following will occur:

- Lunches will be served grab-and-go style.