

## Returning To School General Protocols for Families- Fall 2020

Gretna Public Schools will follow guidelines as determined by the Sarpy/Cass Health Department. As COVID-19 implications change, these protocols are subject to change. This information is being provided to Gretna Public Schools families so they can help their students prepare for a successful transition back to school in August. Specific questions can be directed to the school principal.



Bussing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students must wear masks and sit with family members when possible.</li> <li>• Weather permitting, windows will be partially opened for movement of fresh air.</li> <li>• Drivers will wear masks and sanitize bus surfaces between daily routes.</li> </ul>
Cafeteria/Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social-distancing will be applied to the best of our abilities utilizing traditional and non-traditional eating spaces and staggered eating schedules.</li> <li>• Salad bars will be removed.</li> <li>• All food will be served by gloved and masked employees when physical barriers are unavailable.</li> <li>• Students will be allowed to bring lunches from home.</li> <li>• No sharing of food.</li> <li>• Outside food deliveries will not be allowed.</li> <li>• Students will sanitize their hands after entering their lunch number.</li> <li>• Sanitizer stations will be readily available throughout the cafeteria.</li> </ul>
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will follow the board approved 2020-2021 calendar.</li> <li>• First day of school is Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Families will receive specific building information from their school principal.</li> </ul>
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be social distanced as much as possible in classrooms. We understand that this may be difficult at times.</li> <li>• Masks will be expected to be worn during the school day but students will receive mask breaks throughout the day when appropriate.</li> </ul>
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-touch surface sanitization throughout the day.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer dispensers available throughout school.</li> <li>• Desks / tables will be cleaned periodically throughout the day.</li> <li>• All shared materials will be wiped down between uses. (e.g. class sets of books, elementary musical mallets, art supplies, science goggles, etc.).</li> </ul>
COVID-19 Distance Learning Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will be working with families of students who have a documented medical situation. Families should reach out to their building principals to inquire about these distance learning plans.</li> <li>• Principals will work with families to acquire proper medical documentation.</li> <li>• Distance learning will be fully launched by August 24<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Families who have chosen distance learning please see the distance learning document.</li> </ul>

Hand Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff will be asked to sanitize or wash their hands upon entering and exiting the building, classroom and cafeteria.</li> </ul>
Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will not be required to shower in the locker rooms after PE classes.</li> </ul>
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per the advisement of the health department, masks are now mandated.</li> <li>Students and staff will be given mask breaks throughout the day.</li> <li>When staff and students can social distance, masks may not be required.</li> <li>Two cloth masks will be provided to each student. Students may use their own masks or gaiters. (Clear plastic shields are not substitutes for masks.)</li> <li>Bandanas will not be allowed as masks. All masks will be subject to dress-code compliance...no offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate images/messages will be allowed.</li> </ul>
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several things that may not be able to occur in person or until further notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large pep rallies, school assemblies and field trips.</li> <li>In-person Open Houses will be cancelled.</li> <li>Parent – Teacher Conferences- will occur where social distancing can be maintained.</li> <li>Nurses will no longer issue cough drops, Tylenol or Ibuprofen without a medical note.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Pick Up/Drop Off and Students Exiting Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social distancing practices should be followed.</li> <li>Students will not congregate at entrance or exit areas.</li> <li>Students will be encouraged to put on their masks before entering the building.</li> <li>Thermal temperature checks will take place upon entering the building.</li> <li>Parents are asked to stay in or by their vehicle during pick up / drop off.</li> <li>Students will be dismissed at multiple exits in a staggered approach. (e.g. based on walking home, riding the bus etc.) Specific building information will be communicated by the principal.</li> </ul>
Response to Positive Cases	<p>When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from health officials at the time. Health Departments will work with schools to assist with “contact tracing”. The following questions, among other questions, will be considered when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the level of community spread outside the school building?</li> <li>Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?</li> <li>Were other students and staff masked who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes?</li> <li>Was the individual with COVID-19 part of a small group or “cohort” within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout their day?</li> </ul>

<p>Response to Positive Cases (cont.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions (hand washing, hand sanitizers, etc.)?</li> </ul> <p>The answers to the previous questions will help determine</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the number of close contacts.</li> <li>2) if the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom.</li> <li>3) the number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined.</li> </ol> <p>We will follow health officials guidance regarding notification of positive cases.</p> <p>Classroom(s) will continue to be disinfected.</p>
<p>Screening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents screen children at home for possible symptoms of COVID-19 such as: fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste or smell.</li> <li>If your child is sick with any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19, keep them home from school and notify the school of your child's absence and symptoms. It is strongly recommended you contact your child's doctor for further guidance regarding possible COVID-19 testing.</li> </ul>
<p>School Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will follow the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) in regards to school activities scheduling, practices, games, etc.</li> <li>Attendance for activities will be coordinated using current health department guidelines.</li> </ul>
<p>Visitors &amp; Volunteers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In order to limit people in the building, we will not be able to accommodate visitors like we have in the past.</li> <li>Lunch guests, classroom volunteers, TeamMates and other special drop-in guests, guest speakers and/mentors will not be allowed until further notice.</li> <li>Family members will be allowed for special meetings such as IEP's and health related meetings.</li> <li>Anyone entering the building during the school day will be required to wear a mask.</li> </ul>