



## 2020-21 COVID-19 Blueprint for Reopening Version 1

**KEY PRINCIPLES for Reducing Potential Exposures as Recommended by the ODE. The mainstays of reducing exposure to the coronavirus and other respiratory pathogens are:**

- 1. Physical distancing — minimizing close contact (<six feet) with other people.**
- 2. Hand hygiene — frequent washing with soap and water or using hand sanitizer.**
- 3. Cohorts — conducting all activities in small groups that remain together over time with minimal mixing of groups.**
- 4. Protective equipment — use of face shields, face coverings, and barriers.**
- 5. Environmental cleaning and disinfection — especially of high-touch surfaces.**
- 6. Isolation of sick people and quarantine of exposed people.**
- 7. With the above considerations foremost, outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities.**

## **Students**

All students at NWA are registered as homeschoolers with their ESD. If a student is high risk, that student will be homeschooled by the parent until such a time that he/she is determined to no longer be at risk. Content for classes will be available for parents and students through google classroom.

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers will be unable to work in our school, or complete other volunteer activities that require in person interaction, at this time. Adults in school are limited to essential personnel only.

## **Physical Distancing**

- Classrooms will be set up to accommodate six-foot distancing whenever that is possible.
- Our established cohorts range from 16 – 23 students eliminating the need to rotate groups by days or location.
- One-way traffic space will be maintained with social distancing when students are dismissed every day. The nature of our school is such that we do not have crowding in the hallways at any other time

## **Cohorting**

We have established three cohorts:

### **Cohort 1 Lower Level**

- Grades K – 6

### **Cohort 2 Second floor**

- Middle School

### **Cohort 3 Third floor**

- High School

All Cohorts will remain stable at all times.

Staff in grades K – 6 will remain with stable cohort

- Staff in grades 7 – 12 will wash and sanitize their hands between interaction with Cohorts 2 and 3
- Students will not use each other's desks to the extent possible. If student's do sit in someone else's desk that desk will be sanitized between uses.
- All three cohorts will have their own entrance used only by that cohort

## **Communication**

- A letter will be sent by email to all families when a new case of COVID- 19 is diagnosed in students or staff members. It will include a description of how we are responding to the situation.
- Communication will be over phone, email or Zoom to all students, families and staff who have come in contact with a confirmed case.

## Visitors

- Non-essential visitors are restricted.
- All visitors and non-personnel must ring a buzzer to enter the building. Administration will screen the visitor before allowing entrance.
- Visitors who will be allowed to enter the building must wear face coverings.
- Visitors must wash or sanitize their hands upon entry and exit.

## Face Coverings, Masks and Shields

*Note: We are aware of the new guidelines as set forth by the ODE and the ODH on July 22. There will be another update to the state plan on August 11. We do not currently know what the state will be requiring as far as face shields and masks for students. Teachers will all be wearing masks or face coverings. We will continue to reach out to our attorney as we move closer to our opening date, to determine what our rights are, what is required by law for private schools and how these changes and mandates may effect our school and the families we serve.*

## Entry and Screening

- Handwashing stations or hand-sanitizers will be placed by each entrance prior to student entrance to classes, or students will utilize classroom stations to wash hands. Teachers will be responsible to see that each student complies with the guidelines.
- All students will have their temperature taken upon arriving at school and again at lunch time.
- Students with a temperature of 99 degrees or above will be sent home.

## Isolation Measures

- Students who are sick will be held in the Administration office until a parent can get there to pick them up. The student's parent will be called immediately upon identification of a sick student.
- Symptomatic students who present with coughing, sneezing, sore throats, etc. will be sent to the office. The determination to send a child home will be made by our school nurse.
- Staff who are sick will be sent home immediately.
- The student must check-in at least twice a week with their teacher(s) of record on at least two separate weekdays to be counted as present for all four days of that week.
- If the student only checks in once during the week, the student must be counted as absent for half of the scheduled week (2 days out of the 4 scheduled days).
- Parents/guardians can provide information regarding existing conditions that cause coughing to be utilized for the purpose of screening, as previously existing coughs that are not worsening are not considered symptomatic of COVID-19.
- Staff and students who are ill must stay home from school and must be sent home if they become ill at school, particularly if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

- Symptomatic staff or students should seek COVID-19 testing from their regular physician or through the local public health authority.
- If they have a positive COVID-19 viral (PCR) test result, the person should remain home for at least 10 days after illness onset and 72 hours after fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
  - Alternatively, a person who had a positive viral test may return to school when they have received two subsequent negative COVID-19 viral tests at least 24 hours apart and 72 hours have passed since fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- If they have a negative COVID-19 viral test (and if they have multiple tests, all tests are negative), they should remain home until 72 hours after fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.
- If they do not undergo COVID-19 testing, the person should remain home until 72 hours after fever is gone, without use of fever reducing medicine, and other symptoms are improving.

### Technology

- All devices will be cleaned daily. Students will be assigned their own school issued device that will remain at the school.
- If a student needs his/her device due to technology downloaded on it for educational purposes, that device must be taken home every day and disinfected before it is brought back to school.
- Personal cell phones for Cohorts 2 and 3 will be handed in at the front desk per the rules set forth in the student handbook. Each cell phone will be placed in an individual Ziplock baggie until the end of the school day.

### School Functions/Facility Features

- **Handwashing:** Students will wash their hands immediately upon entering the classroom and again after any recess or breaks.
- **Equipment:** Play yard slide/swing set will be limited to the use of a stable cohort. All balls and field equipment will be sanitized after every recess.
- **Recesses** – Cohorts will have recesses at separate times.
- **Events:** All field trips and school performances and other large gatherings are canceled for the Fall Trimester.
- **Transitions/Hallways:** Students will not gather in the hallways and will adhere to physical distancing.
- **Personal Property:** Students will use their personal school supplies. All supplies will be labeled prior to entering school. Shared supplies will be minimized to the extent feasible.
- **Air Purifiers:** One will be placed in every classroom
- **Fresh Air:** All windows will be kept open when weather permits
- **Bathrooms:** All bathrooms will be disinfected several times a day.

**Meals/Snacks**

- Students will bring their own lunches and will eat at their desks
- There will be no onsite lunches prepared or distributed to students.
- Students will wash their hands before eating.
- Desks and tables will be cleaned and sanitized after eating.

**Response to Possible Shutdown**

- If the school is closed, we will implement Short-Term Distance Learning or Comprehensive Distance Learning models for all students.
- Students will switch to Distance Learning through Zoom and Google Classroom in the event we need to temporarily close.
- We will communicate criteria that must be met for On-Site instruction to resume and relevant timelines with families.
- The plan as of this date is to open as usual with On-Site learning.