

**Wheeler Central Public School  
Safe Return Plan  
2023-2024**

The district plans to operate in a traditional learning environment during the 2023-2024 school year unless there is a state or federal mandate that requires school districts to implement the protocols listed below or if there is a COVID-19 outbreak. The district will consider a situation when 20% of the student/staff population has tested positive for COVID-19 an outbreak. If a COVID-19 outbreak were to occur, the district would look to implement some or all of the safety protocols listed below for a timeframe of five days. The district's Safe Return Plan may change as new guidance becomes available from the Nebraska Department of Education, the CDC, or other state and local public health entities.

<b>Low/No Spread</b>	<b>Minimal/Moderate Spread Modified Building Use</b>	<b>Substantial Spread Building Closed</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School buildings are open with minimal restrictions and proceed under normal operations. The district may choose to initiate preventative practices or additional protocols.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School buildings are open, but use may be altered procedures. Such use may be based on social distancing directives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School buildings are closed. The closure may be short-term or extended and will likely be based on Nebraska Department of Education or district health declarations.</li> </ul>

Category			
<b>Employee &amp; Student Safety</b>			
Temperature Checks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Temperature checks for students/staff who report not feeling well.</li> <li>● Any temperature of 100.4 or greater will be reported to the school nurse.</li> <li>● Parents/guardians will be contacted for student to be sent home.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continuation of all activities in the green category.</li> <li>● Required daily temperature checks for all students and staff entering the building.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed</li> </ul>
<b>Facility Cleaning</b>			
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase cleaning frequency and ensure high touch surfaces are cleaned as often as possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed.</li> </ul>
Cafeteria/Commons area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase cleaning frequency and ensure high touch surfaces are cleaned as often as possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed.</li> </ul>
Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Increase cleaning frequency and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed.</li> </ul>

		ensure high touch surfaces are cleaned as often as possible.	
<b>Serving Meals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve meals in the cafeteria and operate as normal.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with NDE Food Service personnel for guidance.</li> <li>• Serve meals in the cafeteria and utilize gym space as needed for social distancing.</li> <li>• Table dividers may be utilized to help with distancing without masks.</li> <li>• No student self-serve items from the salad bar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building closed.</li> </ul>
<b>Instruction/Class size</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social distancing utilized.</li> <li>• Avoid group seating.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote learning utilized while the building is closed.</li> <li>• Meetings may be held through Zoom or other video conferencing methods.</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal operations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent cleaning of bus seats and high touch surfaces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No transportation services provided.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Masks may need to be used during transportation.</li> <li>● Implement social distancing on transportation vehicles if feasible.</li> <li>● Increase the number of routes if possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Logistics</b>			
Hand Sanitizer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hand sanitizer available throughout the building.</li> <li>● Hand hygiene encouraged and education given to students regarding its importance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue green procedures.</li> <li>● Emphasize the importance of hand hygiene.</li> <li>● Ensure staff and students are performing hand hygiene at regular intervals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed.</li> </ul>
Traffic Flow Through Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal Operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Designate traffic flow patterns to avoid mixing of groups that would not normally mix (example: elementary and highschool students).</li> <li>● Traffic flow should allow for appropriate social distancing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed.</li> </ul>

PPE/Mask use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students and staff may choose to wear masks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students and staff may be required to wear face coverings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed</li> </ul>
Visitor Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal operations.</li> <li>● Visitors must report to the school office.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Visitors should call for an appointment.</li> <li>● Temperature check upon entry to the building.</li> <li>● Face covering required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed</li> </ul>
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal operations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social distancing required/enforced.</li> <li>● Staggered class release times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Building closed</li> </ul>

### **Contact Tracing (Isolation & Quarantine)**

The district will follow the Isolation & Quarantine guidelines from both the CDC and the Loup Basin Health Department Public Health Solutions during the 2023-2024 school year and will comply with all privacy laws. Our local public health department will be contacted when the district becomes aware of a potential exposure requiring their assistance in contact tracing, and the district will assist the department in contacting close contacts. The district will use its website to publish the most current health department recommendations concerning quarantine and isolation. Students and staff who show symptoms of COVID will be encouraged to stay home. Sick leave policies and practices may need to be modified during an outbreak to accommodate this expectation.