

District Update

Northwood-Kensett Community Schools 2020-2021

School Resumes for All Students on Monday, August 24, 2020

BOARD OF EDUCATION DECISION

It is the unanimous consensus of the board of education that all schools should restart for all students in classrooms, on a daily basis beginning with the new school year.

With this knowledge and understanding, we are proceeding with guidance from the Iowa and Worth County Public Health Departments.

OUR PRIORITY AT NORTHWOOD-KENSETT IS SAFETY

The district has adopted many changes and has put into place various safety precautions. With the COVID-19 virus spread, there is always a risk of people contracting the virus. Parents should be aware there is a risk of students and staff contracting the virus.

FACE MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED

All students, employees and visitors are required to wear face masks while in our buildings. All students on buses must have masks.

The COVID-19 virus is primarily transmitted by respiratory droplets, and our best protective measure around other people is a face mask.

The school will furnish a reusable face mask for all students in grades PK through 12 and all employees. If people choose to purchase their own face mask that is fine as long as it meets specifications and dress code guidelines.

IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER SHOWS SYMPTOMS

Students or staff members with any high-risk symptom or two or more low risk symptoms should stay home and are advised to seek an evaluation by a health care provider.

IDENTIFYING CLOSE CONTACTS

Close Contact: Individuals who have been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes with a positive COVID-19 case during the infectious period. Contact may occur in a classroom, lunchroom, free period, during transportation to or from school, at practices or games, and during extracurricular activities. Worth County Public Health will assist and notify with contact tracing.

REGISTRATION

Parents are encouraged to register online available at www.nwood-kensett.k12.ia.us and then logging into JMC. In person registration will be available by appointment only at the respective school offices. In person appointment registration will be on Wednesday, August 12, from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Elementary office: (641) 324-1127 x200; Secondary Office: (641) 324 2142 x100

REMOTE LEARNING IS AN OPTION

Parents may opt to keep their children home when school resumes August 24. The district will support the remote learning of these students. This will require a semester-long commitment. Parents choosing remote learning for their children need to contact the school.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

All students on buses must wear masks. Buses will be limited to one person per seat, unless students are family members. Physical distancing cannot be guaranteed on school buses. Parents concerned with this are encouraged to transport their own children.

All students on school buses will have assigned seats and must remain in their assigned seats in the event the school needs to conduct contact tracing. Transportation Department phone (641) 324 2021 x303

WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP US SUCCEED

PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN SCHOOL

We will attempt to keep students at least three to six feet apart when feasible. Spacing as close as three feet may approach the benefits of six feet of space if students are wearing face coverings and are asymptomatic.

PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Our world, subject to the conditions of COVID-19, can change very rapidly. If circumstances change, our school also has plans in place in the event the school needs to move to every-other-day attendance or return to online instruction.

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