

# WARRIORS September 29, 2020

## COVID-19 School Update



This update is based on the Directed Health Measures (DHM) released by the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) on September 21, 2020. Presented in this recent DHM, was the information regarding the SWNPHD's legal authority and the District's requirement to follow the state health department and local health departments. The counties encompassed by the SWNPHD are listed in the moderate level of the Health Dial.

The big question is what will happen if a student or staff member test positive for COVID-19? The response taken by the school district based mainly on the type of contact "Direct Contact," Secondary Contact," or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> contacts as defined by SWNPHD.



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**Direct contacts** are those who do not yet have COVID-19 but have been exposed to a positive case. They are high risk and most likely to develop symptoms of COVID-19. **The Direct Contact quarantine has been changed to the following:**

- **Direct contact is defined as being closer than 6 feet for 10 to 15 minutes or more with someone who has the virus with the following mask guidance:**

<b>1. Infected person wearing a mask and exposed person/group wearing mask.</b>	<b>Only the infected person is quarantined. Those exposed person/group wear a mask monitor symptoms 14 days.</b>
<b>2. Infected person wearing a mask exposed person/group not wearing a mask.</b>	<b>All individuals are quarantined for 14 days.</b>
<b>3. Infected person not wearing a mask and exposed person/group wearing a mask.</b>	<b>All individuals are quarantined for 14 days.</b>
<b>4. Infected person not wearing a mask and exposed person/group not wearing a mask.</b>	<b>All individuals are quarantined for 14 days.</b>

- Direct contacts are to self-quarantine at home for 14 days after last day of contact with an individual or group that is positive for COVID.

For Direct Contacts in the Elementary Building (a student and/or staff member tests positive); the particular class will be out for 14 days with remote learning taking place if the teacher and other students are not wearing facemasks. The only exception to quarantine is listed in Line 1 above.

For Direct Contacts in the High School (a student and/or staff member tests positive); students identified to be in direct contact will be out for 14 days with remote learning taking place. Seating charts are to be used at the high school and at lunch to help identify direct contacts. The only exception to quarantine is listed in Line 1 above.

A positive case at the high school could impact team sports if players do not wear facemasks in school and at practice (performance face masks).

- **Secondary contacts** are those who have been around a direct contact. *Secondary contacts have lower risk of getting COVID-19 because the exposure is to a direct contact who may not be contagious. The secondary contact is not an exposure to a positive COVID-19 case.*
  - They are asked to self-monitor for symptoms, in the rare case they might become positive for COVID-19.
- **Third, fourth, fifth contacts** etc. are those who have been around someone who was around someone who was exposed to the virus. *Their risk is extremely low.*
  - They are asked to follow the same guidelines as the general public – wash hands often, clean commonly touched surfaces, keep a 6-foot distance from people outside your home, and wear a mask when you can't keep your distance.

Public Admittance to AHPS Continues to be restricted to the Office between 7:30 a.m.to 4:15 p.m.

To prevent interaction between students and visitors the following is in place until further notice:

JH VB will be held in the North Gym.

1. The only entrance will be limited to the Northwest Gym Door.
2. Seating will be limited for social distancing.
3. Facemasks must be worn by spectators.
4. Entrance into the Commons area, band hallway or locker room hallway behind the stage is not permitted.

JV and Varsity VB

1. Admittance to the school will not take place until 4:15 p.m (3:15 p.m. when dismissal is 2:40 p.m.).
2. The entrance is limited to the West Commons Area and the South Main entrance.
3. Mask must be worn at all times.
4. Seating is limited to every other row for social distancing.

Although Facemasks are strongly recommended, all Outdoor events still require social distancing by fans at this time.

ALL EVENTS: Facemasks must be worn by anyone wishing to purchase from the concession stand while ordering and waiting inline.

INDOOR EVENTS: Concessions are limited to prepackaged items until further notice.

**Changes are based on guidance from the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department.**