Important Update Regarding COVID-19

Date: May 11, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm CST
Agenda

- Welcome from the Commissioner
  - Themes today around Launch Nebraska
- Initial Comments from the Governor
- Public Health Updates
- Comments and Thoughts from the Field
  - ESU Regional Conversations
  - NSAA Efforts and Launch Nebraska
- NDE Highlights
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Last Monday

Coronavirus COVID-19 Nebraska Cases by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Total positive cases 8,315
• Directed Health Measures (DHM)
  • Statewide and Local
• Cases and Concerns for Schools and Communities

Joined by the following panelists today:

  Myra Stoney, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department
  Gina Uhing, Elkhorn Public Health Department
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Using ESU/Regional Conversations to Organize Questions from the Field

• Discussion with the Commissioner and Educational Service Unit leaders
  • Joined by Kraig Lofquist

Topics –
• Launch Nebraska
• CARES Act Funds
• Summer School
NSAA Efforts and Launch Nebraska

Joined by Jay Bellar, Executive Director of Nebraska School Activities Association
**Phase I:** Comprehensive framework for district and school leaders

- **Leadership and Planning**
  - Governance
  - Operations
  - Technology

- **Conditions for Learning**
  - Wellness
  - Facilities

- **Continuity of Learning**
  - Instruction
  - Transitions

**Phase II** (in development):
Nebraska-specific resources and professional learning for summer and fall planning

**Guiding principles:**
- Equity and safety
- Collaboration
- Local decision-making

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NDE Highlights
CARES ACT

• Nebraska total - $65 million
  • NDE reserving 10% - $6.5 million
    • Must be used for emergency needs resulting from COVID-19
  • School districts - $59 million
    • Allocated based on 2019 Title IA formula

• Fund use should be to prepare for, prevent, or respond to COVID-19

• Public school districts are required to provide equitable services to nonpublic school students with their allocation of ESSER funds

• Commissioner intends to apply for ESSER funds by May 22, 2020
NDE Highlights

- Unfinished Learning and Instruction
- Reading Improvement Act
• Each week we will try to address some of the questions that have surfaced through the ESU/regional conversations and other forums.

• As always, visit the www.education.ne.gov/publichealth page for additional information.

• Staff at the NDE are working to address key FAQs and other topics as we know them.

• Please continue to submit your questions to https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/contact/
Thank you!