Important Update Regarding COVID-19

Date: May 18, 2020
Time: 4:00 pm CST
Agenda

❖ Welcome from the Commissioner
❖ Initial Comments from the Governor
❖ Public Announcements Planned for this week
❖ Launch Nebraska- Planning for summer and Fall opening
  ❖ Leadership & Planning
  ❖ Conditions for Learning
  ❖ Continuity of Learning
❖ CARES Act
Due to Memorial Day Holiday, COVID-19 Weekly Update will Not be held next Monday, May 25th, 2020
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Governor’s Comments

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  • Executive Order on public meetings?
  • Other plans to extend emergency powers?

Last Monday
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Public Announcements

a. Summer Learning Conditions
b. Summer Graduation Conditions
c. CARES Act application and next steps
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Governance & Planning

- Joint/regional planning efforts - Joined by Jack Moles (NRCSA)
- Roles for school leaders (Board, Superintendents, principals, teachers, etc)
- Rules, regulation, and flexibility - Joined by Kraig Lofquist (ESUCC)
Launch Nebraska
Conditions for Learning (Lane Carr)

Topics:
• What should schools be considering to organize?
• PPE, cleaning supplies, masks, etc?
• Other environmental consideration
• Joined by the following panelists today:
Dr. Adi Pour, Douglas County Health Department
• Maintain social distance by being 6 feet apart
• Follow gathering guidelines of groups of 10 or less students
• Groups of 10 or less must be pre-determined
• Once groups determined, students may not switch from one group to another
• Interaction between groups shall be avoided
• Sessions can only include weightlifting, running, and exercises designed to promote physical fitness.
• Sport-specific drills are not permitted, and sport-specific equipment may not be used.
• Implement diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces following the guidance of the CDC
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Conditions for Learning (Lane Carr)

Nutrition Services (Kayte Partch)

• Important waivers extended through August 31, 2020 to support meal service while practicing social distancing:
  a. Meal service times
  b. Non-congregate service
  c. Parent pick-up
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Continuity of Learning

- Academic and Professional Development (Cory Epler)
- School and District Supports (Shirley Vargas)
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NDE Highlights
CARES ACT (Brian Halstead)

- 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

- 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
CARES ACT Survey Summary (Shirley Vargas)

• Enhance technology infrastructure (e.g., broadband, devices, platforms, data privacy, etc.) for students and families.

• Build supports for planning for possible interruptions upon returning to school and student and staff reentry.

• Ensure student nutritional needs are met.

• Provide professional learning to support an inclusive remote learning environment and engagement, along with best practices for different student groups.

• Create or expand mental, behavioral, and social emotional supports (e.g., telehealth).
NDE Highlights
CARES ACT (Dean Folkers)

- CARES Act Survey Summary - Top Five
  - Technology and Capacity
  - NDE is working with several partners to consider key options for schools in Nebraska
  - Considerations about the uses of CARES ACT
  - More information and details will be coming in the following weeks
Wrap-UP

• 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!