Important Update Regarding COVID-19

Date: September 15th, 2020
Time: 11:00 am CST
Agenda

- Welcome from the Commissioner
- DHHS Update
- Governor’s Update
- NDE Update
- Commissioner’s Remarks
New Directed Health Measure Order (DHM)

• Effective September 1st, 2020
Nebraska Accommodations Project (NAP) for School Staff

A partnership between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.
• The partnership between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will provide short term housing for quarantine and/or isolation outside of your usual household using NAP.

• This project is designed to protect any household member with a health condition that puts them at higher health risk from exposure to COVID-19.

• NAP Placement is in a local hotel (less than 40 min drive) within 24 hours of application.

• Stay is 14 days (or until condition changes).

• There is no charge for this service (as long as guest does not violate policies).
Application is Online:

• Takes about 10 min to complete
• Basic contact information and qualification questions.
• Please specify contact method for follow up call.
• Email will be primary source of communication for directions, forms and guidance.
• We do NOT notify your employer you are in temporary housing.
Application Process: 1. Visit DHH.NE.GOV
Application Process: 3. Navigate to NAP Tab
Application Process: 3. Fill out Application
Qualifying Criteria:

• Nebraska resident with State issued photo ID

• Employed by any school in Nebraska
  • Must be physically working on campus daily
  • Must come in contact with children daily on campus

• Has a full time cohabitant with a high risk medical diagnoses

• Provide the following information:
  • Date of exposure:
  • Location of exposure:
High Risk Diagnoses:

- Covid-19 infection (positive by test or clinical diagnosis)
- Age over 65
- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer and/or Cancer treatment
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Diabetes
- Immunocompromised (due do ailment or medication)
- Pregnancy or nursing
- Serious heart conditions
- Sickle cell disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension
- Neurologic Conditions
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Thalassemia
Definitions:

**Exposure:**
- having spent more than 15 minutes
- in a closed space
- less than 6 feet apart from someone
- that is COVID19 positive or showing COVID19 symptoms

**COVID-19 symptoms:**
- Fever (higher than 100.4)
- Chills
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath
- New and sudden onset of:
  - Fatigue
  - Body Aches (not related to exercise)
  - Loss of taste/smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion
  - Runny nose
  - Nausea
  - Vomiting
  - Diarrhea
Project Policies:

Failure to adhere to project policies will result in guest being removed from site and guest may be billed for services. Once removed from a site, the guest will no longer be eligible for NAP benefits.

• No pets, guests, visitors or deliveries to site
• Twice daily self-monitoring with provided symptom log is to be reported to DHHS
• Only travel to and from work with one weekly shopping trip (during a return from work trip)
• Remain in assigned room at all times while on property
• Wear mask at all times when not inside room (to include parking lots and other shared spaces)
• No alcohol, smoking, vaping, tobacco or drug use on site property (to include parking lots)
• Follow site guidance for social distancing, hygiene and moving around site
• Be respectful and courteous to site staff, other guests and personnel
Self Monitor Log:

Twice a day fill out the following information.

• Time:
• Temperature:
• Any symptoms, if yes please list:

If you have new symptoms please contact:
Z. Winfrey 402-471-1993 or 402-560-1679
• Medical services will be provided
• Comfort medications will be provided
• Food and laundry services will be provided
Questions:

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Governor’s Update

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

Total Positive Cases
38,642

Total Tested
407,270

Tested: Not Detected
368,033

Deaths:
435

% Positive by Specimen Collection Date

Number of positive tests by county in the last 14 days

- 1,131 Lancaster
- 1,084 Douglas
- 339 Sarpy
- 205 Buffalo
- 132 Madison
- 105 Saunders
- 93 Dodge
- 87 Platte
- 75 Dakota
- 71 Hall
- 52 Adams
- 46 Dawson
- 38 Gage
- 38 Cass
- 35 Dawes
- 35 Saline

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Contact Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus
Information Line: (402) 552-6645
Data are representative of Nebraska residents, are provisional and data reported by the local health department should be verified with the local health department.
Digital Equity in Nebraska
CARES Act (ESSER, GEERS)

- CARES Act
  - ESSER - Local Education Agency Resources ($59 million)
  - ESSER - Statewide ($6.5 million)
  - GEER ($16.4 million)

NDE May 2020 Statewide Survey about CARES Act priorities

- Enhance technology infrastructure (e.g., broadband, devices, platforms, data privacy, etc.) for students and families.
CARES Act (ESSER, GEERS)

• Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund
  • Addressing the digital divide and related issues to support remote learning for students in K-12 schools
  • Focus on providing equitable access to technology for all students and improving parity in access to all schools
  • Can include hardware purchases for use of school students and improving access to reliable, high-speed internet for students
Hierarchy of Digital Learning Needs

- Professional Development and Training
- Digital Content
- Software Systems
- Devices
- Infrastructure
- Security
- Privacy
Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

• Estimated ~40,000 students without sufficient educational broadband access at home

• **Project Options:**
  • Mobile Cellular Hotspots
  • Homework Hotspots at Community Institutions
  • Working with Local Internet Providers
  • TV White Space (TVWS) [470-698 MHz]
  • Wireless Education Broadband Services (EBS) [2.5 Ghz]

• Likely a combination of options locally
Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

• Infrastructure
  • Digital Equity Data Collection
    • Target resources to students and teachers in need
    • Determine the most effective connectivity solutions
    • Advocate for state and federal funding to close the digital access gap
    • Understand the impact that home digital access has on learning outcomes
    • Meet emerging federal CARES Act reporting requirements
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| Can the student access the internet on their primary learning device at home?  | • Yes  
• No - Not Available  
• No - Not Affordable  
• No - Other |
| What is the primary type of internet service used at the residence?            | • ResidentialBroadband (e.g., DSL, Cable, Fiber)  
• CellularNetwork  
• SchoolProvidedHotSpot  
• Satellite  
• Dial-up  
• Other  
• None |
| Can the student stream a video on their primary learning device without interruption? | • Yes - No issues  
• Yes - But not consistent  
• No |
| What device does the student most often use to complete school work at home?  | • Desktop/Laptop  
• Tablet  
• Chromebook  
• SmartPhone  
• None  
• Other |
| Is the primary learning device a personal device or school-provided? Is the primary learning device shared with anyone else in the household? | • Personal - Dedicated (one person per machine)  
• Personal - Shared (sharing among others in household)  
• School Provided - Dedicated  
• School Provided - Shared  
• None |
Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

- Digital Equity Month (September)
  - Webinar: Thursday, September 17, 2020, 10 am CDT
  - Education SuperHighway Playbook and Toolkit

- Request For Quote (RFQ): Internet Service Providers
  - Pricing and options available online
Devices

• Contracting with ESU Coordinating Council
• Digital Learning Profile and Plan data collection
• Identified devices needed (verification this week)
• Established a device catalog of options
• Order process or reimbursement
• Up to $400/device

• Potential second round for districts and schools that were unable to submit original profile and plan
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Commissioner’s Remarks

- Attendance Matters: Connected, Present, Engaged, Supported
- Development of more detailed, scenario-based “Commissioner’s Guidance”
  - Ex. Instructional hours to support embedded professional learning
- Updates to Launch NE (Archive documents, update guidance)
- Stay the Course
- Topic(s) for September 29
  - Rule 10 and Flexibilities
Wrap-UP

• 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 use below link and submit your questions and suggestions for next zoom call by Friday, September 25th, 2020
  https://forms.gle/64oTH8XQLFsGNwJ96
Thank you!