



Important Update Regarding COVID-19

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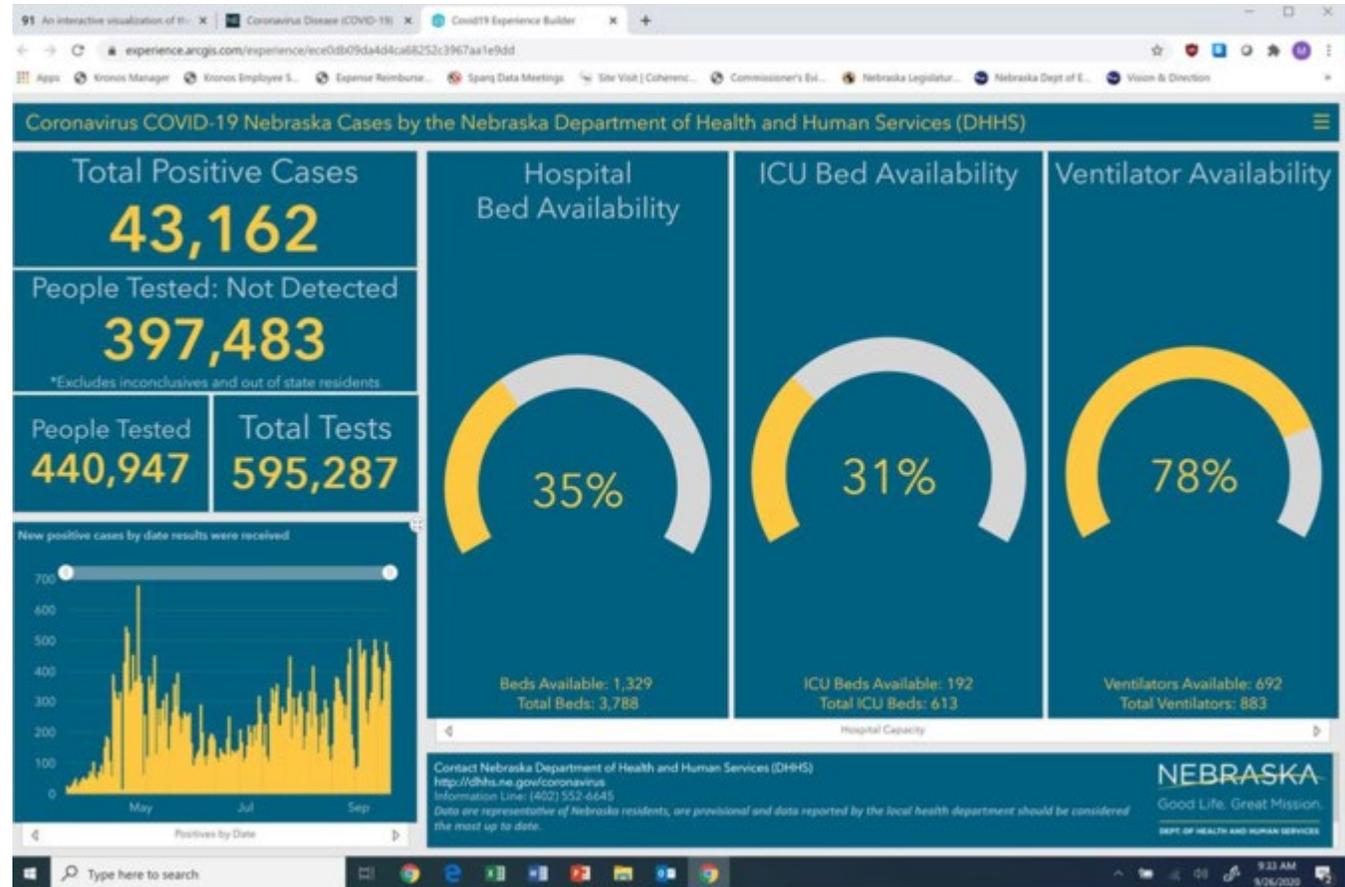
Time: 11:00 am CST

Agenda

- ❖ Welcome from the Commissioner
- ❖ DHHS Update
- ❖ NALHD Update
- ❖ Governor's Update
- ❖ NDE Update
- ❖ Commissioner's Remarks

DHHS Update

New Confirmed COVID-19 Cases per Day by US States/Territories, normalized by population



NALHD Update

Investigations: PreK-12 Settings

- In all scenarios, a student is considered a **close contact** when they have been within **6 feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes**.
- If the close contact occurs while **participating in extracurricular activities** that take place outdoors or in large spaces (such as gyms), **close contacts may self-monitor, in lieu of quarantine**, even if no participant is masked.
- In all scenarios, **students who are self-monitoring are required to wear masks**.
- PreK-12 students who are a **close contact due to exposure to a household member are required to quarantine**.

When a masked child tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

SELF-MONITOR



CLOSE CONTACTS

Everyone Masked

When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

QUARANTINE



CLOSE CONTACTS

Close Contacts Masked

When a masked child tests positive and SOME close contacts were wearing masks...

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SELF-MONITOR



Some Close Contacts Masked

When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts were NOT wearing masks...

ISOLATE



COVID POSITIVE

QUARANTINE



CLOSE CONTACTS

No One Masked

Governor's Update



NDE Update

❖ Equitable Services Under the CARES Act ESSER Funds

- All school districts and nonpublic schools completed work and detrimentally relied upon the guidance and Interim Final Rule from Secretary of Education which NDE is honoring.
- All school districts should complete any work undertaken prior to September 11, 2020, and provide the equitable services to nonpublic

Assurance Statement

Rule 10, Rule 14, Rule 18

Assurance Statement

- 1) Purpose of Assurance Statement
- 2) Regulatory basis
- 3) Submission process
- 4) What's New
- 5) Assurance Statement Review Process
- 6) Common or Foreseeable items

Nebraska Department of Education

Mission:

To lead and support the preparation of all Nebraskans for learning, earning, and living.

Purpose

- Determine compliance with regulations
- Focus assistance to school systems/programs that need support
- Help the NDE to understand difficulties with meeting regulations within specific contexts (policy implications)

Regulation

Rule 10, 003.07

Rule 14, 004.01F

Rule 18, 004.01G

Each school system shall, by November 1 of each year, submit to the Department an Assurance Statement, as prescribed by the Department, signed by a representative of the school system governing body affirming compliance or specifically noting any noncompliance with the regulations contained in this Chapter

Submission Process

The Assurance Statement for **public school** districts is **web-based** and available on the **NDE Portal** under the “Data Collections” tab.

Non-public, special purpose, and Rule 18 continue to submit **paper copy** of Assurance Statement

Web-based assurance statement

- check “Yes” or “No” for each Rule 10 item in the statement, indicating compliance or non-compliance
- When the “No” response is checked, a text box opens to explain the “No” response
- “YES” text box at end of document for expansions on any regulations
- PDF Print option
- For portal access questions, contact NDE Heldesk at ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org

What's new for 2020-2021

What's new for school systems or programs:

Nothing

Be thorough

Be forthcoming

When in doubt answer "No"

Do what's best for your students/community

What's new for 2020-2021

What's new for NDE:

Declaratory Order:

The Board directs the Commissioner to promote innovation and provide reasonable flexibility and guidance on the provisions of Rule 10 and Rule 14 for the 2020-21 school year to school systems and school districts

Assurance Statement Review:

What happens when I answer “No”

- Alerts Accreditation Specialist
- Review the explanation
- Contact the school system to clarify context
- Potential violation, plan of correction, February 1

Common or foreseeable items

Instructional Hours:

Like the 2019-20 school year, schools that are unable to meet instructional hour requirements due to COVID-19 should submit an affidavit after the end of the school year.

Instructional Units: Distance vs. Remote - Launch

Nebraska website: Student Attendance document

Endorsed Area Percentages: 95% / 90% / 80% (Rule 10)

Questions

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Commissioner's Remarks

- ❖ Attendance Matters: Connected, Present, Engaged, Supported

- ❖ Development of more detailed, scenario-based “Commissioner’s Guidance”
 - Neb. Statute 84-901.03
 - Guidance under the Admin Procedures Act
 - Emphasis on Student learning
 - Create opportunities for embedded PD

- ❖ Updates to Launch NE
 - Archived items; focus on critical actions right now
 - Transitions and Planning for Class of 2021*
 - Best Practices in Parent-Teacher Conferences*
 - Wear a Mask. Stay in School.*
 - Please share with teachers and staff

Stay the Course

- Wear a Mask. Stay in School.
- Example success in one LHD:
 - 1100 quarantines, 33 positives, only 3 from spread within schools
- Areas for improvement:
 - Lunchrooms
 - Music classes
 - Athletics
 - Reiterating need for community support/precautions



Wear a mask. Stay in school.

COVID-19 School Scenarios

with no documented transmission in the classroom setting

EVERYONE MASKED	CLOSE CONTACTS MASKED
When a masked person tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks	When an unmasked person tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks
 <p>COVID + Close Contacts</p>	 <p>COVID + Close Contacts</p>
ISOLATE SELF-MONITOR NO QUARANTINE	ISOLATE QUARANTINE

CLOSE CONTACTS UNMASKED	NO ONE MASKED
When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are not wearing masks	When an unmasked person tests positive and close contacts are not wearing masks
 <p>COVID + Close Contacts</p>	 <p>COVID + Close Contacts</p>
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Close Contact: Occurs when an individual has been within 6 feet of a person, whom tested positive for Covid-19, for at least 15 minutes.

Self-Monitor: Perform a self-check or be monitored twice daily for a fever of 100.4 F or above and symptoms for fourteen days. **Coordinate with your health care provider and local public health department.**

Quarantine: May be required when an individual has had a close contact. These individuals shall remove themselves from situations where others could be exposed/infected, and self-monitor for symptom development.

Isolation: Required when individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or develops a fever of 100.4 F or above and/or one or more of the following symptoms: a sudden onset of a cough, sudden onset of shortness of breath, or sudden loss of taste or smell. Individuals should remove themselves or be removed from situations where others could be exposed/infected.

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, October 9th, 2020
<https://forms.gle/64oTH8XQLFsGNwJ96>
- Next call- October 13th, 2020



Thank you!