

Stanton Community Schools Return to School Protocols

The purpose of this document is to outline the protocols Stanton Community Schools will deploy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the educational program during the 2022-23 school year. The Return to School Protocol was created for use by teachers, students, parents, and the community of Stanton.

The intent of the Return to School Protocols is to bring a predictable, consistent, and transparent response to a global pandemic. However, the district understands that COVID-19 is constantly evolving, and circumstances associated with its impact are ultimately unpredictable. Due to the evolving nature of COVID-19, the school district will consistently evaluate protocols and will modify practices as needed for the safety of all staff, students, and patrons.

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The Stanton Community School District will follow recommendations and guidelines determined by the local and state health, education and activities associations.

All protocols are subject to change per those guidelines.

Topic	Low Risk (Green) All Students will attend School New Normal	Moderate Risk (Yellow) All Students will attend School Masks Required	Elevated Risk (Orange) All Students will attend School Masks Required	High/Severe Risk (Red) Limited use of School Facilities
Face Covering <i>(covering nose and mouth)</i> <i>If masks are required, medical verification will be required for those unable to wear face coverings.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings are recommended but not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings required for all unless medically contraindicated. Cover your mouth & nose. Link: How to wear mask properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings required for all unless medically contraindicated. Cover your mouth & nose. Link: How to wear mask properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face coverings required for all unless medically contraindicated. Cover your mouth & nose. Link: How to wear mask properly
Symptom Screening <i>*We ask that parents screen their child each day for flu like symptoms including fever, new cough, and new onset of shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell.</i> <i>Please do NOT send your child to school if they are feeling ill. Students must be fever free w/o medication for 24 hours before returning to school.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature checks in 1st hour. Students will confirm daily they are symptom free in 1st period classrooms. It is stressed that any person with symptoms stay home. Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be isolated, and parents will be called to take home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature checks in 1st hour. Students will confirm daily they are symptom free in 1st period classrooms. Any person with symptoms needs to stay home. Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be isolated, and parents will be called to take home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and Staff will be verbally screened with temperatures taken after they arrive at school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary at the front door Secondary during 1st period Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be isolated, and parents will be called to take home. Any person with symptoms needs to stay home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and Staff will be verbally screened with temperatures taken at the door. Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be isolated, and parents will be called to take home. Any person with symptoms needs to stay home.
Classrooms <i>Hand sanitizer will be available. Do not share items/supplies.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned seating for all students in each classroom. Recommend masks when social distancing is not possible. All students will face one direction in their classroom, if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread students out to social distance when at all possible Assigned seating for all students in each classroom. No group projects except for collaboration via google classroom and canvas. All students will face one direction in their classroom, if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spread students out to social distance when at all possible Assigned seating for all students in each classroom. No group projects except for collaboration via google classroom and canvas. All students will face one direction in their classroom, if possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modified Schedule or remote learning may be implemented. Classrooms will be utilized in accordance with social distancing measures. No sharing of classroom supplies. Masks required for those in the building.
Vaccinations For school & community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department. Offer the school facility to conduct vaccinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department. Offer the school facility to conduct vaccinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department. Offer the school facility to conduct vaccinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department. Offer the school facility to conduct vaccinations.



<p>Common Areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing in commons area is encouraged. • Face coverings are recommended but not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks required during passing periods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks required during passing periods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gathering in Commons areas will be prohibited. Masks required
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are recommended with social distancing implemented to the best of our ability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are assigned seats. • Parents will need to fill out Bus Transportation Request Form. • Masks will be required on buses & vehicles. • Surfaces will be wiped down between routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are assigned seats. • Busing will be provided when possible and practical. Routes may be eliminated. • Masks will be required on buses & vehicles. • No in-town routes except daycares and between schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are assigned seats. • We will follow the DHM guidelines. • Busing will be provided when possible and practical. Routes may be eliminated. • Masks will be required on buses & vehicles.
<p>Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage social distancing in all gatherings -Students bring own bottled water, no community fountains used. Regular travel. • Guidance from Nebraska School Activity Association, Nebraska Department of Education, and local health officials will be followed for all extracurricular activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students are screened before practices by asking questions and temperatures checked. • Students bring own bottled water; water fountains will be used to refill personal containers. • Students/coaches are required to wipe down any community equipment between uses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workouts are done in smaller groups. • All students are screened before practices by asking questions and temperatures checked. • Students bring own bottled water; water fountains will be used to refill personal containers. • Limited travelling distance may be implemented. • No Shared equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State, local and NSAA required guidelines will be followed.
<p>Spectators</p>	<p>We will follow the DHM Guidelines - Limited seating likely to occur with capacity sizes of the facilities.</p>			
<p>Food Service <i>No Self-Service buffet options</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal Lunchroom procedures. • Social distancing and masks are recommended while in lines. • Celebration food (birthday treats) to be prepackaged only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Normal Lunchroom procedures. • Classroom seated together. • Some buildings may use other rooms for distancing. • Celebration food (birthday treats) to be prepackaged only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals will be provided with social distancing guideline required. • Classroom seated together. • Other locations may be utilized for lunch service. • Grab and Go lunches may be provided. • Celebration food (birthday treats) to be prepackaged only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All social distancing requirements will be met if any students are in the building.
<p>Beginning of the Day <i>All before or after school meetings with teachers must be prearranged.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students not eating will gather in commons area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students not eating will gather in commons area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym may be used for social distancing for students not eating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited number of students will be entering our building.

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<p>End of Day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular dismissal. • All students are asked to leave the building at the end of the day unless they are in the afterschool program, school activities or working with a teacher. • There is no loitering in the halls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular dismissal. • All students are asked to leave the building at the end of the day unless they are in the afterschool program, school activities or working with a teacher. • There is no loitering in the halls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular dismissal. • All students are asked to leave the building at the end of the day unless they are in the afterschool program, school activities or working with a teacher. • There is no loitering in the halls. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Activities will follow DHM and NSAA guidelines.
<p>Visitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be limited. • All visitors will be screened and required to wear a mask. • Must check in at the office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be limited. • All visitors will be screened and required to wear a mask. • Must check in at the office. • No special events visitors (such as lunch, assemblies, etc....) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be limited. • All visitors will be screened and required to wear a mask. • Must check in at the office. • No special events visitors (such as lunch, assemblies, etc....) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Visitors allowed except for an emergency. • All visitors will be screened and required to wear a mask. • Must check in at the office.
<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 related absenteeism will require verification from school personnel or from a health care facility. • Remittance will require physician or Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department verification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 related absenteeism will require verification from school personnel or from a health care facility. • Remittance will require physician or Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department verification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 related absenteeism will require verification from school personnel or from a health care facility. • Remittance will require physician or Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department verification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 related absenteeism will require verification from school personnel or from a health care facility. • Remittance will require physician or Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department verification.
<p>Students with Special needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with special needs participate in the least restrictive environment as defined in the IEP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with special needs participate in the least restrictive environment as defined in the IEP. • Consider bringing together the IEP team to determine how services will be modified to reflect current operating systems. (i.e. face masks, facial shields, and other PPE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students with special needs participate in the least restrictive environment as defined in the IEP. • Consider bringing together the IEP team to determine how services will be modified to reflect current operating systems. (i.e. face masks, facial shields, and other PPE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School is closed and instruction will take place in an alternate learning environment. • Students with special needs participate in the least restrictive environment as defined in the IEP. • Consider bringing together the IEP team to determine how services will be modified to reflect current operating systems. • Special education and related services may be provided via an alternate learning environment.
<p>Cleaning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protocols to clean student areas will be established for all staff members throughout the day. • Sanitizing Spray and other materials will be provided to wipe down the desk between classes. • High touch areas will be wiped down with disinfectant on a regular basis (Doors, handrails, etc...) • Locker rooms used by opposing teams will be sanitized prior use the next day. 			



Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not congregate at lockers, get materials and head to class. 5th-12th grades will have one-way traffic in Yellow, Orange & Red
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No drinking from water fountain. Bottle Filler Use Only
COVID-19 Positive Cases & Return to school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCS will follow Health Department Guidelines. Anyone with fever of 100.4 F. or above and/or one or more of the following symptoms: a new cough, new onset of shortness of breath or new loss of taste or smell should not return to school until 24 hours symptom free.
Student/staff illness while at school	<p>Students who become ill should be masked (if not already) and separated in a space with minimal (preferably one) staff until parent or guardian can pick up the student. Staff attending to the student to follow infection control best practices for COVID-19. Clean/disinfect relevant areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff immediately isolate in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting, if tolerable.
Pick-up/Drop-off of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not congregate at entrance/exit while waiting for students. Parents/Guardians - please stay in vehicle.
Hand Washing & Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the building (i.e. first classroom a student enters), entering and exiting individual classrooms, entering, and exiting cafeteria, and exiting building.
Entering Building <i>Hand sanitizer will be available. Do not share items/supplies.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Distancing will be practiced when entering/exiting Students will enter through an assigned door Temperature Checks may be taken when reasonable or directed by the Health Department. PreK will enter through east door, K-4th will use their south door and 5th-12th will use their south door.
Exiting Building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Distancing will be practiced when entering/exiting. All door usage will be normal.
Contacts: Health Department and Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department - 2104 21st Circle, Wisner, NE 68791. (402) 529-2211 Faith Regional Physician Services Stanton Family Medicine - 1009 Ivy St, Stanton, NE 68779. (402) 439-5500

