



Plainview Public Schools

Return to School Plan 2020-2021



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Plainview Public Schools Administrative Team has participated in numerous meetings/briefings with state and local health officials, statewide leaders, elected officials, and other officials to inform the district's plan to return to school as directed by the Governor and the Nebraska Department of Education. Through these meetings, we have formulated the Plainview Public School Return to School Plan for the 2020-21 school year.

This plan will use the anticipated North Central District Health Department COVID-19 Risk Dial to inform the district's return to school approach for 2020-21. As the status changes, the district will follow the various approaches outlined below. The North Central District Health Department COVID-19 Risk Dial reflects the current spread of the virus in Pierce County and the resources available to address the health needs of our community members. At this time, Pierce County is under **YELLOW STATUS**. Please refer to the charts below to learn more about our approach as a district as the status changes. The district is still working to develop the plan for the reduction of students by 50% outlined in the **ORANGE STATUS**. The district is also working on detailed plans for 100% remote learning in the event the district is forced to move into **RED STATUS**. These plans will be shared once finalized.

The district will continue to modify this plan and update our families as new information becomes available.



School District Return to School Approach 2020-2021

Below you will find Plainview Public Schools anticipated return to school approach based on the current status of Pierce County.

Green	Yellow	Orange	Red
Students provided traditional learning program. The district calendar will be followed. Schools may modify daily schedules to minimize face to face contacts and support social distancing.	Students provided traditional learning program. The district calendar will be followed. Schools may modify daily schedules to minimize face to face contacts and support social distancing.	Possible reduction of the number of students. Plans for limiting the number of students in the buildings will be shared upon entry into ORANGE STATUS .	Schools buildings closed with remote learning provided by current teachers. Remote learning plans are under development and will be provided upon entry to RED STATUS .
The district will implement recommended sanitation and safety measures as directed by the North Central District Health Department.	The district will implement recommended sanitation and safety measures as directed by the North Central District Health Department.	The district will implement recommended sanitation and safety measures as directed by the North Central District Health Department.	All students will utilize their personal or district-provided device to engage in daily face to face virtual instruction with their teachers . District will use the District adopted apps and either Zoom or Google Meet meetings for remote learning.
Face coverings required for teachers and staff. Face coverings highly encouraged , but not required for students and visitors and will be provided when requested.	Face coverings required for teachers and staff. Face coverings required for students and visitors, and will be provided when requested.	Face coverings required for teachers and staff. Face coverings required for students and visitors, and will be provided when requested.	

<p>Most school related activities and assemblies will be permitted.</p>	<p>Some restrictions for school related activities. No school assemblies will be permitted.</p>	<p>Most school related activities will be restricted. No school assemblies or larger groups without proper social distancing.</p>	<p>No school related activities will be held.</p>
<p>Limited visitation may be permitted for parents/visitors through appointment. Virtual meetings/parent conferences will be encouraged to reduce the number of parents/visitors entering the school buildings. Visitor logs will be maintained.</p>	<p>Only students and staff should enter the building. All meetings/parent conferences will be virtual or by phone. Any visitors entering the building must have permission of administration. Procedures will be in place for curbside drop off and pickup of children. Visitor logs will be maintained.</p>	<p>Only students and staff should enter the building. All meetings/parent conferences will be virtual or by phone. Any visitors entering the building must have permission of administration. Procedures will be in place for curbside drop off and pickup of children. Visitor logs will be maintained.</p>	<p>The district will work with families to ensure in-home internet access is available for students in need.</p>
<p>Designated entry and exit procedures will be established to keep traffic flowing in a single direction and avoid large numbers of students at points of entry/exit.</p>	<p>Designated entry and exit procedures will be established to keep traffic flowing in a single direction and avoid large numbers of students at points of entry/exit.</p>	<p>Designated entry and exit procedures will be established to keep traffic flowing in a single direction and avoid large numbers of students at points of entry/exit.</p>	
<p>Parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep students at home as appropriate. Parents should notify the school of any illness with COVID-19 related symptoms or diagnosis.</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep students at home as appropriate. Parents should notify the school of any illness with COVID-19 related symptoms or diagnosis.</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and keep students at home as appropriate. Parents should notify the school of any illness with COVID-19 related symptoms or diagnosis.</p>	
<p>Student related co/extra-curricular activities will be permitted as directed by Nebraska School Activities Association and other governing bodies. All activities will follow guidelines outlined by the appropriate governing body.</p>	<p>Student related co/extra-curricular activities will be permitted as directed by Nebraska School Activities Association and other governing bodies. All activities will follow guidelines outlined by the appropriate governing body.</p>	<p>Student related co/extra-curricular activities will ONLY be permitted as directed by the North Central District Health Department, Nebraska School Activities Association and other governing bodies. All activities will follow guidelines outlined by their governing body.</p>	
<p>No outside groups are permitted to use facilities. Plainview Public School programs only.</p>	<p>No outside groups are permitted to use facilities. Plainview Public School programs only.</p>	<p>No outside groups are permitted to use facilities. Plainview Public School programs only.</p>	<p>No outside groups are permitted to use facilities. Plainview Public School programs only.</p>

<p>NO school-related field trips, overnight travel, or out of state events will be allowed. Some building activities may be allowed and will follow appropriate state guidelines.</p>	<p>NO school-related field trips, overnight travel, or out of state events will be allowed. Building activities may be limited and will follow appropriate state guidelines.</p>	<p>NO school-related field trips, overnight travel, or out of state events will be allowed. Most activities restricted, postponed, or cancelled.</p>	<p>Plainview Public Schools curriculum and pacing guides will be followed, daily attendance will be taken, and work will be submitted and graded through the school district's learning management system.</p>
<p>Building-level daily schedules may be modified to reduce student daily transitions between classes, provide additional opportunities for social distancing, and minimize the number of person to person contacts.</p>	<p>Building-level daily schedules will be modified to reduce student daily transitions between classes, provide additional opportunities for social distancing, and minimize the number of person to person contacts.</p>	<p>Building-level daily schedules will be modified to reduce student daily transitions between classes, provide additional opportunities for social distancing, and minimize the number of person to person contacts.</p>	
<p>Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer or access to hand washing within the classroom will be available. Sanitizing will take place between group rotations or every two hours minimum.</p>	<p>Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer or access to hand washing within the classroom will be available. Sanitizing will take place between group rotations or every hour minimum.</p>	<p>Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer or access to hand washing within the classroom will be available. Sanitizing will take place between group rotations or every hour minimum. Considerations will be made to further limit class sizes.</p>	
<p>Elementary students will transition normally in hallways with staff support. JH/SH students will transition with encouraged social distancing.</p>	<p>Elementary students will remain with primary teacher as much as possible. Less classroom rotation is preferred. May consider lunch in classrooms. JH/SH students will consider "roadway style" traffic (all students keep right). May consider limiting areas that encourage congregation.</p>	<p>Elementary students remain in classrooms with specialist teachers rotating to them. PK-12 students may be in isolated classrooms with only limited and scheduled hallway access. JH/SH may have an alternate classroom transition plan.</p>	
<p>All visitors are required to sign in, symptom check, and wash hands.</p>	<p>All visitors are required to sign in, symptom check, and wash hands. May consider only outside visits.</p>	<p>All visitors are required to sign in, symptom check, and wash hands. Only outside visits are permitted.</p>	



Health Protocols for 2020-2021

If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to school. You must call to let us know they are not feeling well. Call (402) 582-3808 for elementary students and (402) 582-4991 for jr/sr high students.

As a district we will be:

- requiring sick students and staff to stay home
- screening students and staff upon arrival each day
- intensifying cleaning and disinfecting efforts daily
- implementing social distancing strategies
- changing parent drop-off and pick-up processes to limit contact
- ensuring athletic activities follow established safety and hygiene protocols



Plainview Public Schools Health Protocols for 2020-2021

Student/Employee Health Screening Protocols

- All parents should screen their children daily before sending them to school.
- Any student or staff member experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should stay home, **notify the school administration**, and then seek medical advice from your primary care physician to determine if COVID-19 testing is needed.
- Upon arriving to school, all student/employees will be checked for fever using no-touch digital thermometers. **Individuals who have a fever of 100.0°F or above, or other signs of illness, may not come into any of our school facilities.** This is for your health, and for all other students and staff in the building.
- The signs and symptoms of COVID-19 include:
 - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
 - Cough/Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills or repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Diarrhea

Confirmed COVID-19 Case and Isolation Protocols

- Student/employee medical information must remain confidential. Plainview Public Schools will **NOT** share the name of any student/employee with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 diagnosis.
- If a student/employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, they are to notify their building principal/supervisor immediately.
- Communication will be sent to all staff, students, and families within the building notifying them of positive test result.
- Staff, students, and families will be asked to monitor symptoms and seek medical attention if multiple symptoms develop.
- Those who test positive must remain self-quarantined until they are symptom free for 72 hours.
- In the event that a family member, who is not a student, has a positive test, Plainview Public Schools will follow the recommendations of North Central District Health Department/CHI Plainview.



Plainview Public Schools Health Protocols for 2020-2021

Nursing Protocols During School Hours

- Plainview Public School nurses/health paraprofessionals will follow all recommendations outlined by health officials when working with students and staff.
- PPS nurses/health paraprofessionals will wear all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE's) when working with students.
- Teachers will be provided small first aid kits for scratches, etc. to reduce traffic in the nursing office and reduce exposure to sick students.
- Teachers will contact the office before sending a student who is ill to the office.
- All students reporting to the nurse will have their temperature checked and triaged to determine the student's individual needs.
- Students with COVID-19 related symptoms will be kept isolated from other students until parents can pick them up from school.
- Each building will establish an isolation room/station to keep students as they wait for pick up.
- Parents of students with COVID-19 symptoms will be provided the district expectations and procedures which would allow for the student to return to school when the student is picked up.
- The regular health office will be used for traditional injuries and the distribution of medications.

Building Usage by Outside Organizations

- Plainview Public Schools will limit the use of school facilities as determined by the current color coded Return to School Approach Plan.
- Programs that operate in school facilities will follow all PPS and state-directed health measures.
- PPS reserves the right to not permit or limit usage to other outside groups like youth sports, etc. as necessary for cleaning, and/or the safety of our students and staff.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Expectations

School Entry and Exit

- Students are encouraged to arrive as close to start time as possible and maintain social distance while awaiting entry to the building. **Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast. JH/HS doors will open at 7:45 for students.** **In the event that an activity is taking place prior to 7:30 a.m., the employee in charge of the event will be responsible for letting students in and following entrance protocol.* **Elementary doors will open at 7:55 for students.**
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to stay in their vehicles when dropping off/picking up students and not gather in groups outside the building as they wait for students.
- Schools will establish designated arrival/dismissal locations for students and may use staggered entry and exit procedures to avoid large numbers of students at points of entry and exit.

Elementary Entrances:

- Preschool and Kindergarten classes enter through East doors
- First & Second grades enter through the East main office doors
- Third & Fourth enter through the West main office doors
- Fifth & Sixth enter through West doors
- These entrance requirements will take place daily for all students (to include Walking Club participants)

Jr./Sr. High School Entrances:

- 7th-8th grades enter through the activities entrance
 - 9th-10th grades enter through the locker room doors
 - 11th-12th grades enter through the Superintendent's doors
- Building visitation guidance for parents/guests will be determined by the districts current COVID-19 color status (Green, Yellow, Orange, Red).
 - Schools will implement procedures for checking in/out students that includes curbside pick-up and drop off options to reduce the number of people entering the building.
 - Parents/Guardians are encouraged to schedule appointments after school hours to minimize drop offs and pickups during the school day.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Expectations

Face Coverings

- Plainview Public Schools will determine face covering/mask requirements based on the districts current COVID-19 color status (Green, Yellow, Orange, Red).
- If parents choose to require face covering for their child, Plainview Public Schools will provide a disposable mask for them.
- If students choose to wear material face coverings, they must be approved by administration.
- All face coverings must follow dress code expectations and must not contain images or phrases that do not conform to the student code of conduct.
- Shields may be utilized on a case by case basis as determined by the building principal for those with conditions that make mask wearing difficult. The CDC recommends masks as the most effective way to minimize risk of spreading and contracting the virus.
- Students are encouraged to wash or sanitize hands after putting on, touching, or removing their face covering.
- Face coverings should only be removed for meals, recess, designated breaks with social distance, or certain activities where social distancing can occur.
- All students will be provided guidance by their teachers on proper face covering etiquette and use.

Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizing

- Students and staff should sanitize their hands upon entering the building and as they enter and exit individual classrooms throughout the day.
- The district will provide hand sanitizer in all classrooms and throughout the building for student and staff use.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently throughout the day.

Hallways and Restrooms

- Each school will develop a traffic flow pattern within the school to reduce face to face interactions. Traffic flow patterns will be clearly indicated by appropriate signage.
- Access to water fountains will be limited to bottle filling stations provided in each building.
- Efforts will be made to provide restroom breaks for students throughout the day to avoid large groups of students in the restroom at one time.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Expectations

Classrooms

- Every classroom will be evaluated by the building administration to incorporate physical distancing to the extent possible in the classroom space.
- Unneeded furniture will be removed to separate desks to achieve maximum physical distancing.
- All seating will be placed as far apart as possible.
- Assigned seats will be used in all areas when possible for students to use exclusively throughout the day.
- Any common classroom spaces, equipment, or counter tops that are shared will be sanitized as needed based upon use.
- Furniture with soft surfaces that are difficult to clean may be removed wherever possible.
- Students will wash or sanitize their hands when entering the classroom using district provided hand sanitizer and/or washing stations.
- Students will store personal belongings in their backpacks and/or assigned desk.
- Students will utilize their own individual classroom supplies as much as possible.
- The use of shared items will be minimized. If shared items are used, then students will sanitize their hands before and after use and those supplies will be cleaned daily.
- Teachers will make modifications to instructional practices to accommodate physical distancing as appropriate.
- Courses that require increased exhalation such as elementary music, band, choir, and physical education will utilize specific strategies to address COVID-19 related concerns. PPS is awaiting final guidance/recommendation from the state and national organizations before finalizing plans for these classes/ programs.

Health and Safety Signage and Practices

- Appropriate signage will be placed in all classrooms, common spaces, and hallways to remind students of appropriate health/hygiene practices and safety measures needed to reduce the risk of spreading and contracting the virus.
- Schools will promote the use of all recommended practices daily and provide specific training for students and staff at the beginning of the school year to support recommended best practices to keep students safe within the school and community.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Expectations

Breakfast/Lunch

- Students will wash/sanitize hands upon entry to food service lines.
- Schools will adjust schedules and add additional locations when needed (in classroom, outdoors, etc.) to accommodate social distancing guidance as much as possible during breakfast/lunch.
- Food service will modify service lines and procedures to ensure that students are not handling food until it is placed on their tray. Menus may be modified to increase the speed of the service and reduce time spent in line.
- When eating in the cafeteria or other designated locations, such as classrooms or outdoors, students will physically distance as much as possible.
- Cafeteria staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment when cooking and serving food.
- Students should avoid sharing food.
- Additional sanitation procedures will be implemented.

Playground/Recess

- Plainview Elementary School will develop schedules for playground access for students to minimize the number of students using equipment at a time.
- Elementary students will be asked to sanitize hands when going out for recess and then again upon reentry to the building.
- Students will be encouraged to social distance when using equipment.

Student Transportation

- Students will be required to remain in their assigned seats.
- Bus drivers will sanitize surfaces between routes.
- Students will sanitize their hands upon entering the bus.
- Parents who are able are encouraged to transport their own children to school.
- It is recommended that parents remind their children to socially distance at bus stops and when on the bus.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Environmental Services Information

General Cleaning Expectations and Protocols

General Cleaning Expectations		
Category	Area	Frequency
Workspaces	Classrooms, Offices	At the end of each use/daily
Appliances	Refrigerators, microwaves, coffee machines	Daily
Electronic Equipment	Copy machines, Shared computers, TV's, Telephones, keyboards	At the end of each use/day and/or between use
General Used Objects	Door handles, light switches, sinks, water fountains, restrooms, stair handrails, etc.	At least 3 times a day and at the end of each day
Common Areas	Cafeteria, Library, Gyms, Common Areas	At the end of each use/daily
Student Desks/Tables	Classrooms	Various times throughout the day

- During the school day all employees will be responsible for maintaining their space and sanitize desks and any shared surfaces as needed.
- At the end of each day, custodial staff will follow daily disinfecting and cleaning guidance outlined in procedures.



Plainview Public Schools COVID-19 Communications and Updates

Plainview Public Schools will utilize a number of means to ensure students, staff, and families are all informed of changes and updates. This will include (but is not limited to):

- District notification system (phone, email, and text message)
- District website and social media platforms
- Local media coverage

It is vital that all parents/guardians and staff contact information is updated and current for the 2020-2021 school year. If you've had any changes, please submit those to the correct office **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. Call (402) 582-3808 for elementary students and (402) 582-4991 for JH/HS students.