

# Bridgeport Public Schools 2024-2025 Safe Return Plan

## Purpose statements:

1. It is the desire of our teachers, administration, board, and state department of education that children be in school learning from their teachers.
2. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic we have to prepare for circumstances beyond our control and prioritize both the health and safety of our students, staff, and community, and the high-quality education that is essential for our student's future success.
3. It is the charge of the Nebraska State Department of Education that schools have in place a plan that will help districts to both act decisively and be flexible to the fluidity that our state is going to be in for the foreseeable future.

## Risk Dial:

<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">GREEN</p> <p style="color: green; margin: 0;">Little to no COVID cases in our district and no cases in our student or staff population.</p>	<p style="color: yellow; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">YELLOW</p> <p style="color: yellow; margin: 0;">Mild COVID spread in our district and very few cases in our student and staff population.</p>	<p style="color: orange; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Orange</p> <p style="color: orange; margin: 0;">Moderate COVID spread in our district and enough cases in our student and staff population to disrupt learning.</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">RED</p> <p style="color: red; margin: 0;">Significant COVID spread in our district and enough cases in our student and staff population. Consider alternate ways of education.</p>
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## Screening and Masking:

1. Our plan is to consider doing a temperature screen students entering our building each day.

2. Parents please make a habit of performing health screening at home and DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE ILL OR RUNNING A TEMPERATURE.
  3. Masking will be optional.
- The school will keep a supply of masks on hand for students and staff if they need them, but both are encouraged to provide their own. Mask etiquette will be the same as t-shirts, they need to be appropriate for school and not a disruption to the learning environment.

**Policy and Handbook:**

We will adhere to the board policies, student handbooks, and staff handbook as much as possible. There may be cases that arise as a result of the Pandemic that make it difficult or impossible to follow our preestablished guidelines. For this instance, the board of education approved a resolution giving the administration the authority to deviate from board policy and handbook guidelines if necessary, only during the Pandemic.

**Instruction:**

<p><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>All students and staff will be expected to be in attendance and regular attendance will be recorded.</p>	<p><b>YELLOW</b></p> <p>Student absences will be treated like normal absences. They will be responsible for their make-up work. Teacher will not be required, but can choose, to provide remote learning for individuals who can't attend class.</p>	<p><b>Orange</b></p> <p>We would expect to see some groups and staff that would not be able to attend school. based on placement and some classes will likely be taught remotely.</p>	<p><b>RED</b></p> <p>Alternative plans of education will be considered.</p>
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1. We are planning to adhere to our approved calendar. **The first day for practices is August 9<sup>th</sup> and teacher workdays is**

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and the first day of class will be Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Cafeteria:**

Our rules for the cafeteria will also be dependent on where we are on the risk dial. We will have a salad bar and breakfast/lunch for students will remain at no charge.

<p><b>GREEN</b> Lunch times and seating arrangements will be normal. No sack lunches delivered.</p>	<p><b>YELLOW</b> Lunch times will be staggered based on class and social distancing will be practiced in the eating area.</p>	<p><b>Orange</b> Lunch times will be staggered based on class and social distancing will be practiced in the eating area.</p>	<p><b>RED</b> Lunch times will be staggered and social distancing will be enforced.</p>
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**Activities:**

Activities at Bridgeport Schools will be guided by the recommendations of the NSAA and the NDE. If we are not mandated to cancel contests, we will make every effort to compete in every contest on our schedule. That being said there will be a great deal of communication between the AD's at our schools and the schools we are competing against. Contests can be postponed or cancelled based on the current situation at any of the schools involved in the given contest.

Lockering and Dressing will be determined by our position on the risk dial.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GREEN</b></p> <p>Participants will be encouraged to practice social distancing in the locker room. Showering will be allowed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>YELLOW</b></p> <p>Participants will be encouraged to practice social distancing in the locker room. Students will be encouraged to shower immediately on arriving home from practice or contest.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Orange</b></p> <p>Participants will be encouraged to practice social distancing in the locker room. Students will be encouraged to shower immediately on arriving home from practice or contest.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RED</b></p> <p>This will be considered - Locker room usage will be minimized. Students will either change in shifts or before they leave for a contest.</p>
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#### Activities (Continued):

One consideration to keep in mind as we work our way through the upcoming school year. We have really tried to make sure kids had all the opportunities they would normally have.

#### Cleaning and Hygiene:

1. Teachers and students will each of responsibilities for sanitizing at the end of each class period.
2. Custodial staff will pay extra attention, multiple times through the day, to the common touch fixtures of the schools. i.e. door knobs, water fountain, faucet handles.
3. Teachers at all levels will help to enforce good hand washing practices. Warm water, soap, and at least 20 seconds.

#### Important Dates:

**August 12<sup>th</sup> – First day of fall sports practices, First day of teacher workdays.**

**August 16<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> grades and new student orientation.**

**August 19th – First day of SCHOOL.**

Please don't hesitate to call the school or my cell phone if you have any questions or concerns with the re-opening plan.

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