

Hyannis Area Schools

Pandemic Protocols

2020-2021

[Panhandle Unified Command Guidance to Local Schools](#)

Hyannis Area Schools operates under the auspices of Panhandle Unified Command and the Panhandle Public Health District. Our district will follow recommendations and mandates put forth by Panhandle Unified Command. The link above is guide put forth by Panhandle Unified Command for local schools and their response to a pandemic, specifically the Covid-19 virus.

Local Health districts have developed a threat level dial that will be the guiding light for school districts and their protocols for handling a pandemic. There will be a threat level dial for the entire Health District (in our case the Panhandle Public Health) and a threat level for our local school district. This will enable administrators to check the threat level of schools that we are competing against, because we will need to plan accordingly for the standards of the district's threat level we would be traveling too.

Threat Level Explained

Green: Low Risk of COVID-19 Spread:

Yellow: Moderate Risk of COVID-19 Spread

Orange: High Risk of COVID-19 Spread

Red: Severe Risk of COVID-19 Spread

Hyannis Area Schools will have an increasing level of response if our district moves from Green to Red.

[Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors Covid-19 Core Principles for Working with Schools.](#)

The above link is a document stating the core principles of the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors. This outlines our district's responsibilities to them if we have a positive test for Covid-19.

[Nebraska Department of Education Guidance for Summer Music Activities](#)

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Green:

- 1) Parents required to take temperatures before students leave for school; if temperature is 100.4 or above student must remain home from school and take part in remote learning for that day. The child must be fever free for 72 hours to return to school if no other Covid-19 symptoms are present. Parents must notify school administration with the temperature so it can be recorded for Panhandle Unified Command.
- 2) Teachers and staff must take temperature before entering the building. If temperature is 100.4 or above they must remain home for the day. Faculty/Staff must be fever free for 72 hours to return to work.
- 3) Students will not be allowed to leave campus except for work study or if parents/guardians call that day to excuse students to leave campus at lunch.
- 4) Classrooms will be arranged in accordance with Social Distancing Guidelines.
- 5) Students will be required to sanitize hands when leaving and entering a classroom.
- 6) Students will be required to space 6' apart while waiting in lines.
- 7) Students will be dismissed one seat at a time on busses to insure students do not congregate at school entrance. Students arriving via parent transportation will be required to stay in car until dismissed by staff member.
- 8) Recess equipment will be disinfected after every use.
- 9) When classrooms are free of children, high frequency touched surfaces will be disinfected.
- 10) Busses will be disinfected after each route (morning and afternoon)
- 11) Students will be eat lunch in a socially distanced cafeteria.
- 12) Restrooms will be disinfected Midmorning, Lunch time, Mid afternoon and at the end of the school day.
- 13) Much time spent on preventative education for students and families.
- 14) All patrons may attend school events adhering to state government and local health official attendance recommendations.

Yellow

- 1) All of the items in Green 1-10.
- 2) Restrooms and sinks will be disinfected hourly
- 3) Staggered recesses will be initiated so each grade will recess separately.
- 4) Face coverings **suggested** for any student/staff that is unable to social distance for a period of greater than 15 minutes.

- 5) Largest 7-12 Class will receive core instruction in lecture hall to allow for proper social distancing and core teachers will rotate to them.
- 6) Deep Cleaning of the Building at the end of the school week.

Orange

- 1) All of the items Yellow 1-6.
- 2) Elementary students will eat on a staggered lunch schedule, pick up food from commons area and return to classroom to eat lunch.
- 3) 7-12 Students will be dismissed by grade and return to their 4th period class to eat.
- 4) Student will only be allowed to leave campus with a daily permission from parents.
- 5) Visitors will not be allowed to enter building.
- 6) Extra curricular activities likely to be postponed or canceled.
- 7) Staggered passing periods for students in grades 7-12.
- 8) Elementary co-curricular teachers (PE/Art/Music) will bring services to the classroom/ or take the class outside.
- 9) A designated faculty/staff member will hold door and students will not be allowed to touch knobs.
- 10) Band and Choir classes operate in a lab free environment and become more of a “theory of vocal music” or a “theory of instrumental music.”

Red

- 1) Remote learning environment
- 2) Essential staff will report mandated face coverings if interacting with other staff.
- 3) All meetings that occur will be zoom
- 4) Campus will be closed to visitors except essential visitors.