

August 26, 2020

Dear Nebo District Families:

Thank you for your tremendous support as we started school this fall. While the challenges are significant and the future is uncertain, we have loved having students return and feel that they have loved being back. We hope that all of our students, those doing At-School Learning and those doing Remote Learning, know of our support and dedication to fulfilling our commitments to provide quality instruction in healthy and safe learning environments.

We celebrate our students and staff for their commitments to do what is needed to keep us in school and involved with school activities. They have been stalwart examples of wearing face coverings, hand sanitizing, and physical distancing at school when possible.

We need your continued help and support as parents, particularly in two areas, if we are to keep our schools open and our activities running:

1. We have respectfully requested that attendees wear face coverings at our outdoor sporting events, whenever physical distancing of six feet cannot be observed, and at all indoor events. We have given numerous reminders, but this request has been met with marginal support from our non-student fans. Starting immediately, **games will not be started until fans in attendance are in compliance with the mask requirement.** Additionally, **games will be halted if reminders are given and fans choose not to comply.** We hope that this simple practice will help us avoid much more significant restrictions on game attendance and fan participation. **Please “mask up” so the student athletes can “suit up.”**
2. If your **child has COVID-like symptoms, please keep them home.** Having symptomatic individuals stay home will significantly reduce our need to have students quarantined or classrooms or schools closed down.

We have also had a number of questions about quarantine requirements and notifications. In summary:

- Schools are notified of positive COVID cases by the health department.
- Contact tracing protocol says that any students who were within six feet of an infected individual for longer than fifteen minutes will be quarantined as a preventative measure.
- Parents of quarantined students will be notified.
- Quarantined and ill students will be provided at-home learning from their regular At-School teachers.
- The identity of these students is confidential.
- If you are not contacted then your student has not been identified as being at risk.

A more detailed quarantine protocol document from the Board of Health is attached to this message and has been posted to [www.nebo.edu/coronavirus](http://www.nebo.edu/coronavirus). Please check there for the latest information on COVID related issues.

We don't control a lot of what is happening right now, but we can all work together and focus on the things we can control. Please help us to help your students stay in school and have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Rick Nielsen  
Superintendent

Remember to **“Be SMART”**

- Stay home when sick**
- Maintain clean spaces**
- Advocate for distancing when possible**
- Remember your mask at all K-12 events**
- Train on hygiene and safety**