

# NIXA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2020-2021 SAFETY PLAN

Nixa has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for students and staff in the 2020-21 school year. **Our plans will be a living document and will be updated with new information as it becomes available.** The most up-to-date guidelines and protocols will be at [www.nixapublicschools.net/covid19](http://www.nixapublicschools.net/covid19). Decisions will be made in coordination with local, state, and federal guidelines.



### FACIAL COVERINGS & HYGIENE

- Nixa staff and students in **grades K-12 are required** to wear a facial covering. Students in **PreK are strongly encouraged** to wear a facial covering.
- They are NOT required when at recess, P.E., playing a sport, exercising, meal time, **or anytime that students/staff are ABLE TO PROPERLY SOCIAL DISTANCE.**
- **When moving between classes or rooms, students and staff should have masks on: "Masks on the Move"**
- Temperature checks will happen at the discretion of the district. Any person with a temperature above 100.0 degrees will be sent home.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout all school buildings. All students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize or wash hands multiple times during the day.
- The mask/face covering procedure is located at [www.nixapublicschools.net/covid19](http://www.nixapublicschools.net/covid19)



### TRANSPORTATION

- Students riding the bus will be required to wear face coverings.
- Buses will be disinfected after each route.
- Students will be expected to use provided hand sanitizer upon entry and exiting the bus.
- **Parents are encouraged to pick up/drop off their student if possible to decrease the number of students on the school bus.**



### SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Students will be grouped together to minimize cross-contamination throughout the day.**
- Desks will be arranged in a way that allows for the most social distancing possible in the space provided.
- Outdoor spaces will be utilized when possible.
- Parents are expected to drop off students in the car line as visitors inside the building will be restricted.
- Field trips, assemblies, and large gatherings will be limited or modified to meet social distancing guidance.



### HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- Health services staff will evaluate any student or staff member showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Students/staff will be sent home if they exhibit two or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance that are not otherwise explained.
- **Students/staff will only be allowed to return to school with a doctor's note or when health department/CDC guidelines have been met.**

**If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Christian County Health Department will provide direction for the situation on those that have to quarantine and be notified. Targeted disinfecting will take place. Communication and building/classroom re-entry will be determined based on guidance from the health department with the intent to resume school the following day.**



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