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. 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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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.

MORE INFORMATION AT www.nixapublicschools.net/covid19