

The chart below represents the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools **Return to School Plan**. Please keep in mind that based on guidance from the Nebraska Department of Education, Three Rivers Public Health, and the CDC these protocols may change at any time. The district's Return to School Plan is located on the school website at www.agps.org

**AGPS Return to School Plan for 2021.2022
(July 1, 2021 - Updated: August 3, 2021)**

<i>Capacity</i>	Participation in academic experiences and activities/athletics will be at full capacity.
<i>Working Collaboratively with Three Rivers Public Health Department</i>	<p>The school district will continue to work closely with The Three Rivers Public Health Department, Nebraska Department of Education, and the NSAA when implementing our Return to School Plan. Adjustments to this plan will be made based on the current health conditions in our district and through collaboration with the health department.</p> <p>Any significant changes to this plan will be communicated with families through email and/or phone calls through our school messaging system.</p>
<i>Masking / Face Coverings</i>	<p>Masking is not required for outside activities, however, students and staff wishing to engage in masking will be allowed to do so.</p> <p>For academic experiences and activities scheduled inside the building, masking is recommended by the CDC, but not required.</p> <p>The effective use of a mask or face covering entails the covering of the nose and face by the wearer. Individuals who are not vaccinated should strongly consider the use of a mask or face cover to provide added protection for exposure to Covid - 19.</p>
<i>Vaccinations</i>	<p>Covid-19 vaccinations are not required for students and/or staff to attend school.</p> <p>However, keep in mind that individuals can assist AGPS in mitigating Covid-19 outbreaks by getting vaccinated. AGPS hosted several vaccination clinics for staff and students in the spring of 2021. Please contact Three Rivers Public Health for information regarding access to vaccinations. AGPS would be happy to host additional vaccination clinics should Three Rivers Public Health indicate a level of interest has been expressed by members of our community.</p> <p>As we have learned, an outbreak that affects an entire classroom, grade level, or our teaching staff, may affect the district's ability to continue school in our current protocol.</p>
<i>School Absence</i>	As Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools believes that the maintenance of Covid-19 is the personal responsibility of our families and staff, Covid-19 cases will be treated like any other communicable disease. Families should connect with both their building office and classroom teacher in the event of any illness or missed school.
<i>Academic Recovery</i>	Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools acknowledges that some students experienced a loss of learning due to the pandemic and its effect on the academic environment. The district recognizes that students were affected by remote learning in the spring of 2020, as well as absences related to Covid - 19 during the 2020.2021 school year. AGPS will continue to utilize all academic practices in place prior to the pandemic, as well as additional instructional strategies to support student learning.

<p><i>Academic Recovery cont.</i></p>	<p>Strategies utilized may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensuring Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) academic, behavioral, and social emotional processes and guidelines are provided to all students ● Universal Screener (2-8) - Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Performance (MAP) - Reading and Math ● Universal Screener (K-1) - NWEA MAP Reading Fluency ● Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Math Screener (1) ● Fastbridge aReading and aMath (2-5) ● mySAEBERS (2-12) - Social/Emotional ● SAEBERS (K-12) - Social/Emotional ● Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) for grades 3rd-8th ● Formative and summative classroom assessments ● Benchmarking of individual student skill levels ● Implementation and maintenance of newly identified 504 and IEPs as related to Covid - 19.
<p><i>Social Distancing</i></p>	<p>Students and staff should maintain suggested social distancing when possible.</p>
<p><i>Good Hygiene</i></p>	<p>Regular use of hand sanitizer and soap and water, as well as promoting respiratory etiquette (coughing, sneezing into sleeves, etc) will be practiced.</p> <p>The district will provide opportunities and encourage good hygiene, etiquette and work to reduce the spread of illness.</p> <p>To assist the district, parents should encourage students to maintain good hygiene at all times.</p>
<p><i>Food</i></p>	<p>Students should not share food and/or water.</p> <p>Individual water bottles should be utilized by students and staff.</p>
<p><i>Cohorts</i></p>	<p>Students engaged in all academic experiences and activities may be cohorted with an individual group if needed. This action could include academic experiences, lunchtime and all activities.</p>
<p><i>Cleaning</i></p>	<p>To reduce the spread of Covid - 19 and other viruses, the district will engage in continued, increased cleaning practices.</p>
<p><i>Bussing</i></p>	<p>Busses will be cleaned daily.</p> <p>Masking is not required, however, students and staff wishing to wear a mask on the bus may do so.</p>
<p><i>Cafeteria / Lunch</i></p>	<p>All cafeteria procedures will resume as normal.</p> <p>Wash / Sanitize hands before entering the cafeteria line.</p> <p>Cleaning between lunch groups.</p> <p>If needed, students will eat lunch with a cohort.</p>
<p><i>Extra Curricular Activities</i></p>	<p>The district will follow all guidelines provided by the NSAA and NDE.</p>
<p><i>Visitors</i></p>	<p>All school visitors need to check in the office before moving throughout the building.</p>

<i>Playground and Outdoor Activities</i>	Normal use of playground equipment will be allowed. Outdoor activities will be allowed as normal.
<i>Use of school by Outside Groups</i>	While in the current protocol, the school may be used by outside groups as normal and must follow the district's facility use agreement.
<i>Ventilation and Facility Care</i>	Regular filter changing will continue to take place to assist in providing a clean learning environment for all students and staff. The district will continue to review opportunities to improve the air flow and ventilation in the school facility.
<i>Attendance at School Activities</i>	Attendance at school activities will be at full capacity. Masks are recommended, but not required, but those in attendance wishing to wear a mask or face covering may do so. We encourage that spectators sit in family groups.
<i>Screening for Covid - 19 and other Illnesses</i>	Students and/or parents should check for Covid related symptoms and other illnesses at home, prior to arrival at school. Parents should follow all CDC guidelines and keep students at home if any of the following symptoms are experienced: * Fever or chills * Cough * Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing * Fatigue * Muscle or body aches * Headache * New loss of taste or smell * Sore throat * Congestion or runny nose* Nausea or vomiting * Diarrhea If at school, students exhibiting symptoms related to Covid - 19, or other significant illness, will be screened by health office personnel and may be sent home.
<i>Social Emotional Approach</i>	In regard to social-emotional mental health and related needs, AGPS Public Schools will continue to provide necessary guidance and support to parents and students to assist in possible trauma resulting from the Pandemic or any other emergencies. Please contact the building counselor for further information.
<i>Nutritional Needs</i>	Student concerns of nutritional needs will be addressed on an individual student basis. Please contact the building principal for further information
<i>Exposure and Covid Diagnosis</i>	Individuals diagnosed with, or have been exposed to, Covid-19 should contact AGPS and follow all protocols outlined for recovery by the health department and CDC. Following current CDC and health department guidelines, contracting , or exposure to Covid-19 could include contact tracing, isolation and possible quarantine.

This plan will be reviewed at least every 6 months. In addition to being provided above, the district's Return to School Plan can be accessed from our website at www.agps.org.