

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

# Updated Recommendations to Limit COVID-19's Impact on Schools

Local Health Departments (LHDs) want Nebraska schools to stay open and students to be in school. We recognize and value the unique nature of schools' role in the economic and mental wellbeing of children and adults.

LHDs remain committed to working with our schools to keep students, faculty, and staff safe from COVID-19. Continued communication and partnership between schools and public health remains critical to our shared fight against COVID-19.

For the foreseeable future, **LHDs will continue to monitor COVID-19 case rates, vaccination rates, and school screening data in our areas. Local recommendations will be based on these metrics, current science, and the guidance in current local or state directed health measures (DHMs)**, when in effect. LHDs will continue working with local schools to help them with summer school and back-to-school plans that consider these guidelines and the many unique school environments across our state.

The Basics:

### Schools Can Avoid COVID-19 Outbreaks



- **Actively encourage students and staff to get vaccinated** for COVID-19.
- Encourage and enable **frequent hand washing and sanitizing** by staff and students.
- Continue to follow **enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols**.
- Ask students and staff to **screen daily for COVID-19 symptoms**.
- **Require students or staff who are sick to stay home.**

The Basics:

### Individuals Can Help Their Schools Avoid COVID-19 Outbreaks



- **Get vaccinated** for COVID-19.
- **Wear a mask**, consistent with CDC guidance.
- **Stay home when sick.**
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is required to isolate.
- If you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, **follow the recommendations of your local health department.**

