

O'NEILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Vision Statement

Dream, Believe, Achieve

Empowering Today's Students to be Tomorrow's Leaders

March 16, 2020

At this time, O'Neill Public Schools plans to be open tomorrow, Monday, March 16th. We remain engaged in researching and closely monitoring the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic across our state and across the world. District administration have participated in a variety of meetings, and online conferences and have worked with our local health department, the Nebraska Department of Education, and other state officials to remain current on developments relating to this growing concern.

We have also worked in recent days to prepare plans for possible school closure. Teachers were directed on Monday, March 9, 2020 to develop plans to offer educational enrichment opportunities for all students for no less than 10 school days to be offered during a school closure. These enrichment opportunities would not be required or graded, but we encourage families to engage in as many as possible to keep learning happening.

It is important for parents to develop a plan for daycare in the event that O'Neill Public Schools does close in the coming days/weeks. Please be prepared. There is a survey on our school website concerning the need for breakfast and lunches should school be closed.

Students with health concerns and students who have parents or guardians with health concerns are encouraged to stay home until this threat to their health has passed. These absences will not count toward truancy issues. There is a form to fill out if your child is staying home for this reason. Of

The Mission of the O'Neill Public Schools is to provide engaging learning experiences in a safe and respectful environment where all students are expected to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be independent, collaborative, and productive citizens of an ever-changing world.

The
O'Neill
Way

Dedication
Dignity
Respect
Class
Courage
Honor
Excellence
Pride

course, the final decision about sending children to school is up to parents and guardians.

As we continue to monitor this public health crisis, we will continue to do all we can here at school to assure a safe environment for students and staff. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Enforce precautions in our schools that are focused on reducing the spread of germs including a more frequent use of hand sanitizer and washing our hands.*
- Continue to clean and sanitize school facilities and equipment.*
- Continue to follow recommendations from the Department of Education, Center for Disease Control (CDC) and North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) as they relate to individuals who have symptoms of the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Stay home if you have a fever, cough, or sore throat.*

All school extra-curricular and co-curricular competitions have been suspended indefinitely. Spring activities practices will continue. No activities will be hosted on O'Neill Public School campuses involving students or staff from other schools, cooped classes with St. Mary's will continue. This includes Elementary field trips, concerts, and other activities. We will revisit this protocol on a daily basis.

If you have questions please feel free to contact O'Neill Public Schools at 402-336-3775 or amyshane@oneillschools.org at any time. Thank you for your patience and support as we work collaboratively through these challenging times. We will continue to do our best to keep you informed. Stay Healthy!

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