



Nemo Vista School District Continuity of Services Plan



The Nemo Vista School District (NVSD) will follow the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines and the Arkansas Ready for Learning guidance issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in planning for the 2021-2022 school year.

School districts are advised to continue practicing preventative measures such as appropriate masking, physical distancing, screening, testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection to the extent practical.

The District's goal is to continually provide our students with a highest quality education, while maximizing student safety. The Continuity of Services Plan will outline how the district intends to achieve the aforementioned goals while adhering to the guidelines set by the ADH and DESE.

Face Coverings -Face coverings will be **required indoors and on busses by all students and staff members when physical distancing cannot be achieved.** The district will reevaluate this requirement no later than September 17th 2021. In addition NVSD will consistently utilize the data located at <https://achi.net/covid19/>, to determine when the District will be able to allow face coverings to be optional. It is the intention of this requirement to minimize student and staff quarantines and ultimately enhance student learning.

Vaccinations- According to the Arkansas Dept. of Health (ADH) COVID-19 vaccines are the most effective strategy to protect people from getting sick and to reduce the risk of people spreading COVID-19. Students who are ages 12 and older are now eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccination. NVSD will be hosting vaccination clinics free of charge for any eligible individual, interested in receiving the vaccine. Eligible students and families interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccination should contact the school nurse for more information. Fully-vaccinated students or staff do **not** need to quarantine if deemed close contacts, unless they have/develop symptoms.

Close Contact Determination - The CDC defines a close contact as an individual confirmed to have been within six feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period during the infectious period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Quarantine Guidelines- As of December 2, 2020, the CDC amended its guidance to allow two shorter options for the quarantine period. Based on current CDC guidance, the quarantine period can end for individuals experiencing no symptoms according to the following guidelines:

1. After 10 full 24-hour periods since close contact exposure without testing, or

2. After seven full 24-hour periods since close contact exposure and after receiving a negative test result (sample taken no earlier than five 24-hour periods after exposure).

The following factors may eliminate the need to quarantine if an individual is exposed to a COVID-19 positive case.

1. Individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered and who are subsequently exposed to someone with COVID-19 within three months of their original diagnosis do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

2. Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if they have no symptoms and both the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.

3. Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine as long as the individual does not develop symptoms.

Screening - The Nemo Vista School District will ask that parents please screen their child for illness prior to sending your child to school each day. It is recommended that parents screen their child for fever and any other symptoms associated with COVID-19 prior to sending their child to school each day. NVSD asks that each employee and student be able to answer **NO** to all of the following questions prior to attending school each day.

1. Have you had a fever of 100.4 or greater in the last two days?

2. Have you had a cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, or loss of taste or smell?

3. Have you been in contact with a person known to be infected with Covid-19 within the previous 10 days?

Cafeteria- It is the goal of NVSD to provide all students with two quality meals each day in the safest manner possible. In order to maintain an appropriate amount of physical distancing while eating, students in grades 3-12 will be offered a grab and go style breakfast that can be eaten in their classroom. All students in grades K-12 will be served lunch in the cafeteria. Additional seating has been added so that physical distancing can be maximized in the cafeteria. Virtual students may receive drive-thru meals from 12:45-1:00. If a virtual student plans to receive a drive-thru meal, they must email Mrs. Sims at vsims@nemo.k12.ar.us no later than 10:00 a.m. each day.

Physical Distancing- NVSD is committed to maximizing our physical space to allow for adequate social distancing for all students and staff. Current CDC guidance recommends that students should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between other students and at least 6 feet from adults. It is the goal of NVSD to uphold these physical distancing guidelines while not compromising students' educational experiences. In addition physical barriers may be utilized in certain situation to ensure student safety when adequate distancing is not achievable.

Sanitization - Sanitation and cleanliness will be a high priority for our district as we return in the fall. We have added additional equipment and supplies to clean high touch surfaces. Heavily trafficked areas will be fogged and sanitized throughout the day when necessary. Additional hand sanitizing stations will be located throughout the campus and students will be prompted to utilize the hand sanitizer regularly. Additionally, each classroom and the cafeteria will be fitted with an air and surface pathogen reduction device.

Transportation- NVSD will continue to provide bus transportation for the 2021-2022 school year. It is recommended that all students wear a facemask on the bus, due to the inability to follow social distancing guidelines. Students will sit in assigned seats and students from the same household may be asked to sit together in order to minimize exposure.

COVID19 Point of Contact (POC) - Nurse Amanda Morrow will serve as the NVSD COVID POC for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have questions or need to report a COVID positive case or close contact please reach out to Mrs. Morrow as soon as possible. The following are options for communication with the POC.

1. Call your child's school building and ask to be transferred to the COVID POC (normal school hours only)
2. Email Mrs. Morrow directly at amorrow.nemo.k12.ar.us
3. Call after hours COVID POC hotline at

Extracurricular Activities – NVSD will follow all guidelines set by the Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Arkansas Activities Association in regards to sports and other extracurricular activities. At this time we anticipate extracurricular activities continuing throughout the 2021-2022 school with minimal restriction.

Academic Achievement – The Nemo Vista School District takes great pride in the academic success of all students. Considering the circumstances NVSD believes that the 2020-2021 school year was wildly successful. However, we also understand there may have been interruptions in the educational process for many students. It is our goal to not only minimize these interruptions moving forward, but also to overcome any potential learning loss that may have occurred as a result. The following are a few examples of how NVSD plans overcome learning loss and ensure academic achievement for all students.

- Purchasing of new reading curriculum for elementary students
- Providing additional one on one tutoring for students
- Reducing class size
- Addition of Reading Interventionist
- Offering summer school options

School Closure - It is the goal of NVSD to maintain in-person learning opportunities for all students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. However, we understand that certain situations may cause the district or certain schools within the district to pivot to off-campus instruction. In the event of a school or district wide pivot NVSD will utilize both asynchronous and synchronous digital instruction methods to ensure a high quality education persists. As instruction methods for off-site learning may vary across NVSD, your child's teacher or principal will be releasing information regarding the process of off-site learning.