



# Gordon-Rushville Public Schools Back to School Plan



**1st day of classes August 13th - Noon dismissal**  
 Friday August 14th Noon dismissal  
 Monday August 17th - Full day of classes and start of PK classes

*Gordon-Rushville Public Schools is committed to providing a safe, rigorous and appropriate learning environment for all students and staff, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan is structured to be implemented amid changing school and community health conditions. The district has and will continue to work closely with the Panhandle Public Health Department, Nebraska Department of Education and the Governor's Office in determining the safest practices. GRPS will refer to Panhandle Public Health Department's "Risk Dial" for our region as well as information specific to Gordon, Rushville and Sheridan County from PPHD for guidance. Detailed information regarding the Risk Dial Indicator can be found at <http://www.pphd.org/> The information below is for the green and yellow levels only. Additional information for other levels will be added as needed. Please note this document is subject to change.*

### Symptom Screening At All Levels

All parents should screen their student(s) each morning before sending him/her to school.  
 Screenings should include:  
**Flu-like symptoms including Temperature of 100.4 or greater, Difficulty breathing, Sore throat, Cough, Loss of taste or smell, Diarrhea or Vomiting, Chills, or Headache, Students exhibiting any of these symptoms, or if any member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19, should stay home and parents should follow up with their family physician.**

### Transportation Green Level

Parental symptom check at home.  
 Regular bus routes.  
 Sanitize hands prior to loading.  
 Load back to front, unload opposite.  
 Assigned seating.  
 Maintain social distancing while waiting for bus.  
 Face masks are recommended.  
 Buses sanitized after each route.  
**Additional protocols at the Yellow Level**  
 Masks required.  
 Staggered seating.  
 Temperature checks prior to loading.

### Entering Buildings Green Level

Individual building protocols may differ including entrance time.  
 Practice social distancing.  
 Face masks recommended.  
 Students report directly to classroom.  
 Sanitize hands upon entry.  
 Appointments required for meetings with staff.  
 Visitors not allowed past the Main Office.  
**Additional protocols at the Yellow Level**  
 Masks required.  
 Delayed or staggered entrance.  
 Breakfast in classrooms.

### Instruction Green Level

Face to face classes.  
 Compliance with 504s and IEPs.  
 Practice 6 foot social distancing when possible.  
 Face masks recommended.  
**Additional protocols at the Yellow Level**  
 Staggered schedules.  
 Masks required.  
 Modified class sizes.  
 Established social distancing protocols.

### Handwashing All Levels

Increased and scheduled handwashing and use of sanitizer throughout the day.

### Face Masks

*"The past couple months there has been a lot of information given to schools about wearing masks. At this current time, we are still evaluating whether or not they will be required or recommended and when. Though there are some strong opinions for and against wearing masks, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to provide a safe and healthy environment for all our students and staff. We will continue to evaluate wearing masks and communicate our decision prior to the start of the school year." Our current plan is:*

### Green Level

Masks are recommended and encouraged.  
 Cloth masks will be provided by the district. Students and staff may provide his/her own mask as long as it follows the districts dress code as school appropriate.  
 Students with medical exclusions must provide documentation to be included in a 504 or IEP plan, alternate face coverings may be used in some cases.

### Additional protocols at the Yellow Level

Masks will be required.

### Food Service Green Level

Sanitize or wash hands before eating  
 Social distancing while waiting in line.  
 No self-serve items.  
 Additional lunch periods and breakfast times.  
 PK meals served in the classroom  
**Additional protocols at the Yellow Level**  
 Grab and Go Breakfast.

### Activities

\* NSAA Guidelines Followed\*  
**Green Level**  
 Practices and competitions should run as normal with additional focus on sanitation and safety.  
**Additional protocols at the Yellow Level**  
 Practices and events may be cancelled or otherwise altered per NSAA guidelines.

### Water Fountains All Levels

No use of water fountains except to fill individual water bottles provided by students.  
 No sharing of water bottles.

### Custodial and Cleaning All Levels

Additional daily sanitation and cleaning will occur in all buildings and locations. Extensive sanitation at night as well as adjustment of HVAC system to increase filtration.