



November Parent Newsletter

Colleagues,

Based on the large number of questions we are receiving; we'd like to clarify four critical pieces of information.

- **COVID Testing**- Yes, you can go to your own medical doctor for COVID testing with the following conditions: testing must take place within 48 hours of your assigned test date and you must share the official report with HR (an email or phone call with just your results is not sufficient, the actual report must be shared). Additionally, as the district is providing the testing already, any accommodations must be pre-approved by HR. Reach out to HR if need further clarification.
 - There will be two places for your signature when you arrive at Northwest for your scheduled test. One is for acknowledgement that you were present, similar to signing in for OPS curriculum days. The other signature is authorizing Test Nebraska to share your test results with the district, along with the time and date it was completed. No further information will be gathered from this test.
- **TOWN HALL Meeting**- We have been informed of a scheduled Town Hall meeting for today at 4:15-5:00. There will be presentation from the district on the "Responsible Return to School" information. Questions from teachers will follow. You will need to access this event using your OPS Teams account.
- **PPE**- Principals have met with Dr. Logan to identify the status of all PPE in the buildings. If you are needing these items, you must reach out to your principal first to identify if they are in the building. OEA will push to get these items out into the building if they are not already there.

- **Social Distancing**- Just a reminder to continue to social distance and wear approved face masks when near others or in common spaces. Identify what the building's procedure is for the lounge during lunch. It has been discussed with building administrators to minimize groups eating in the lounge. Lunch time will look a little different this year. Just remember to practice social distancing, be safe and wear a mask.

Be well,

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