

### **Will schools reopen in the fall?**

We have been informed by Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and the State Office of Education that we will be starting school as scheduled in the fall. The operation of school will definitely be different however, with enhanced guidelines regarding physical distancing and disease prevention measures.

NDPA will open with an alternate-day, hybrid (in person/remote) learning model or a full-time distance learning model and will be as follows

- Students in the immersion program will attend school on Monday, Wednesday, and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.
- Students in exposure program will attend school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month will be dedicated to small group instruction and supplemental supports.
- In the junior high (grades 7-9) students will attend Math, Spanish, Science, and an elective class on their on-campus days. On their remote learning days, they will have Language Arts, Technology, History, and PE on their schedule.
- Students have an option to enroll in our full-time distance learning plan if they choose not to take classes on campus. We ask that once a student is enrolled, they commit to the full term.

### **How does the Alternate-day plan work?**

The alternate-day, hybrid (in person/remote) learning model will be as follows:

- Students who are part of our Immersion program will attend school in-person on Mondays, Wednesdays and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of every month, with remote at-home learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Students who are not enrolled in our immersion program will attend school in-person on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month, with remote at-home learning on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Months that encounter a 5<sup>th</sup> Friday will be dedicated to distance learning.

### **How do I know if my student is in immersion or not?**

If your student is in junior high, they will have taken DLI 3, DLI 4, or DLI 5

If your student is in a homeroom with the description Homeroom DI DLI they are in immersion.

If your student was in immersion in elementary, they continue immersion into the junior high unless you request them to not be in the program any longer.

**Will there be exceptions given to the scheduling of the immersion/non-immersion family groups?**

We understand how important it is for families to be on the same track and having their children attend school on the same days at NDPA. If a family has multiple students and they are not all on the same immersion schedule, we will be able to move them onto the same track, but it will be in the non-immersion grouping (Tues/Thursday and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday).

**How will students access school lunch on the days they are not at school?**

Lunch will be provided for students on the days they are not at school. More information on this will be coming from Mrs. Foxley.

**How does the alternating schedule impact kindergarten?**

Kindergarten classes will be split as well with high consideration to sibling schedules. Half the morning class will attend Monday and Wednesday, with the other half of the morning class attending Tuesday and Thursday. Half the afternoon class will attend Monday and Wednesday, with the other half of the afternoon class attending Tuesday and Thursday. Specifics will be communicated to parents by the kindergarten teacher.

Where can I find the most up-to-date information on the school's response to Covid-19? North Davis Preparatory Academy strives to communicate important information to our families as soon as information is available to share. Most communications have been sent out directly to your e-mails on file, but we have also posted all communications on our school's web page [northdavisprep.org](http://northdavisprep.org). Our website also has a link that we will keep updated as the situation continues to evolve.

[https://northdavisprep.org/covid\\_information](https://northdavisprep.org/covid_information)

**What modifications will take place to protect students?**

The following guidelines are intended to provide protection for our employees, students, and community.

**What we will do as school and staff:**

- Mitigate risk/spread by encouraging physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, sanitization, wearing masks, using multiple entry ways, less students in the building to accommodate class and student transitions, adjusting lunch times and seating, and spacing of students in common areas.

- Be aware of illness/symptoms in the student body and contact a student's family immediately if a student exhibits any symptoms.
- Monitor positive COVID-19 cases and its spread in Davis District, and follow — as we would with any community health concern — the recommendation of health department officials regarding school closures, modified school schedules or in-school adjustments.
- We have a full-time employee who will be working closely with the health department on contact tracing, communication, and other Covid related issues.
- We have purchased school wide curriculum to meet the needs of distance learning as it arises and to better support students when they need to remain home due to illness.
- Continually work to ensure the health and well-being of students and staff.

### **What you can do:**

- Understand that these guidelines are determined by health, educational and civic professionals commissioned to care for your child, considering the physical environment, time spent in school, and the potential risk to the health of our students, staff and families.
- Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough, cold or flu symptoms, and have them return only when these symptoms have subsided.
- Talk to your child about changes they may notice at school, reinforcing that these measures are in place to preserve their health, and the health of those around them.
- Send your child to school with a mask and encourage them to wear it.
- As always, please reinforce the importance of respecting the authority of teachers and staff to maintain order in the classroom, the hallway, and other campus areas.
- Prepare as much as possible to adapt to change. As evidenced this past spring, things evolve quickly, and schedule modifications and/or closures may be unavoidable.
- Recognize you can choose traditional face-to-face school or online options and, as always, we are happy to assist you with your child's educational needs.
- Know that you as a guardian and parent have the right to keep your child home at any time as you assess risk as it relates to your family.

### **Will students be required to wear a mask?**

A cloth mask will be provided to each student. Students are required to wear face coverings during the school day when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible.

Employees will be directed to wear face coverings when physical distancing of 6 feet is not possible.

According to the CDC, the COVID-19 virus spreads mainly among people who are in close contact with one another, usually within about 6 feet, so the use of cloth or other face coverings is important in settings where people are close to each other or where physical distancing is difficult to maintain.

### **How will schools facilitate good hygiene for students?**

We will increase instruction and monitoring of student handwashing. Proper handwashing techniques include lathering hands with soap, scrubbing between fingers, washing the backside of each hand, scrubbing each wrist, washing underneath fingernails and rinsing with water. The process should take 20 seconds.

Teachers and staff will provide frequent opportunities for students to wash hands, including before and after recess, lunch and other activities. We will have mobile hand sanitizing stations located around the school, as well as ensuring that each classroom is equipped with hand sanitizer for students and staff.

If soap and water are not readily available in some classrooms, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be used.

Students will sanitize their hands every time they enter the classroom. Staff will encourage students to sanitize hands frequently throughout the day. Students will be instructed to cover all surfaces of their hands with sanitizer and rub them together until their hands feel dry.

Essentially, as students enter a new space or classroom, they will use hand sanitizer. Prior to exiting a classroom, all students will help wipe and clean the area they were working in. We are dedicating time at the beginning of each class and at the end to ensure proper sanitization is occurring.

Our janitorial staff is also changing their cleaning schedule to ensure that additional cleaning and sanitizing is occurring.

### **What happens if a student begins exhibiting symptoms?**

A student will be sent to the office where symptomatic individuals can stay until they are able to go home. This area will be dedicated to use for students who feel ill once at school. In each building, we will have a section of our lobby dedicated for students who are waiting to be picked up by their parent/guardian.

Students or staff who are symptomatic should not come to school. If a student begins exhibiting symptoms after arriving at school, they will wait in the designated area with a facial mask and maintain physical distancing while arrangements are made for them to be picked up by a parent or emergency contact as soon as possible.

Parents and guardians need to make sure their emergency contact list is up to date.

Staff will be encouraged to safely and respectfully monitor any observable symptoms in students, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Staff will observe all applicable privacy laws and regulations in doing so. Additionally, we will continually remind students to self-check for symptoms.

### **If my child is not feeling well, how can they access their school-work?**

The process for accessing homework has not changed. If a child stays home from school due to illness or other reasons, parents should coordinate with the teacher to get the required work and complete it.

### **What are my options if I decide to not send my student to school?**

North Davis Preparatory Academy has an option for full time distance learning for your student. We have a team of dedicated teachers who will be working solely with our online students. They will be available during school hours providing support, instructional lessons, and structure for your student.

Any student choosing to utilize the distance learning platform will be asked to stay in the program for one complete term. If you decide midyear you would like to change, we will do our best to accommodate this change at each term, but it will be based on program availability.

### **Will classrooms be sanitized between classes?**

Students will have assigned classroom seating and will sanitize their own space upon arrival with alcohol-based cleaner and a paper towel. Students will clean all shared hard surfaces such as desks, computers or other equipment when entering and exiting the classroom.

### **Will elementary students still have recess?**

Recesses will occur. Elementary students will have two recess periods as usual of fifteen minutes each as well as lunch recess. With reduced numbers in each grade level, this will greatly reduce the number of students at recess at one time.

### **What is the plan for athletics?**

North Davis Preparatory Academy will follow the Utah Schools Activity Association as well as the Utah Charter and Small school Athletic league's guidelines. More information to come regarding any fall or spring sports.