



Important Update Regarding COVID-19

Date: September 15th, 2020

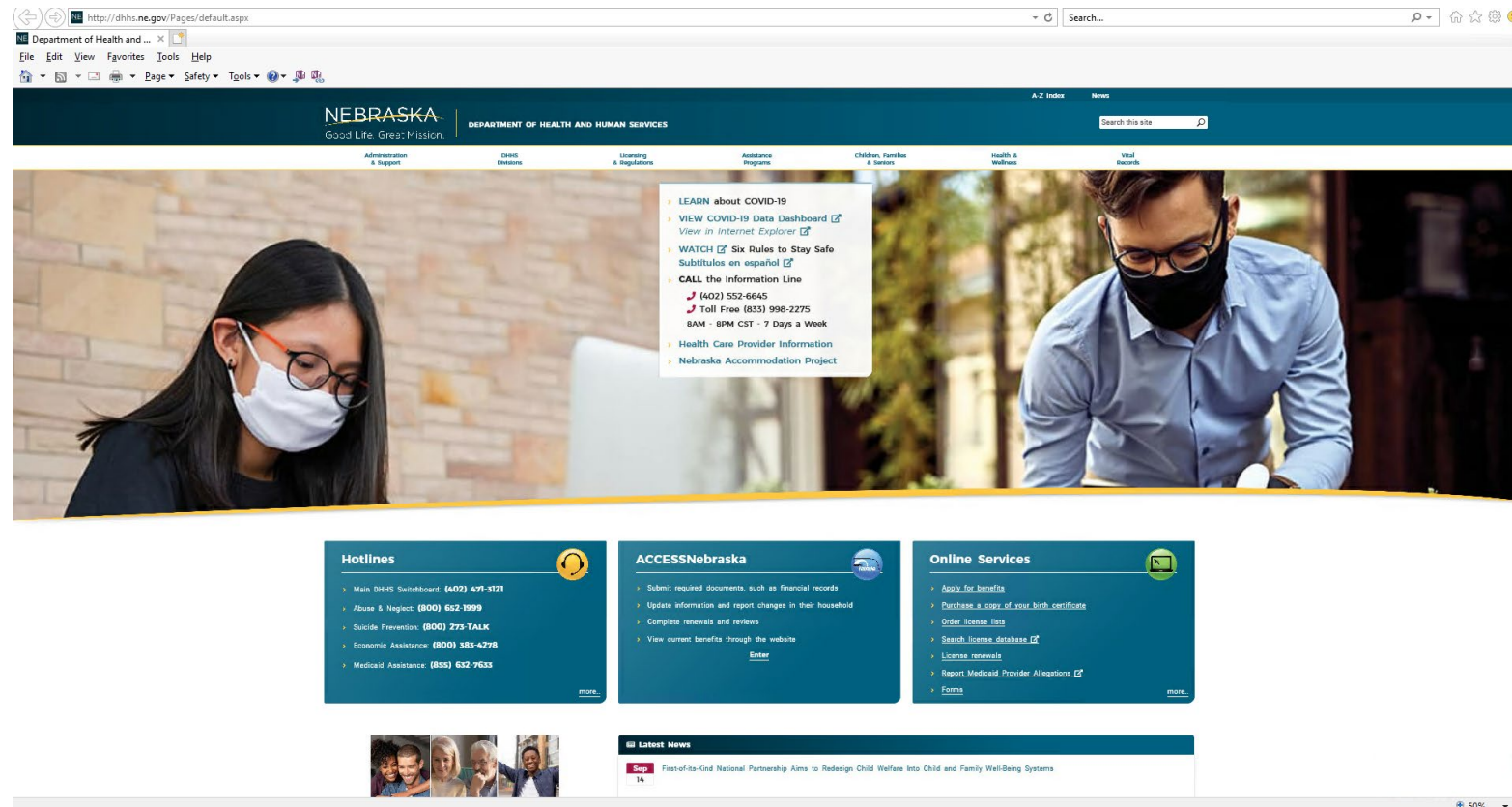
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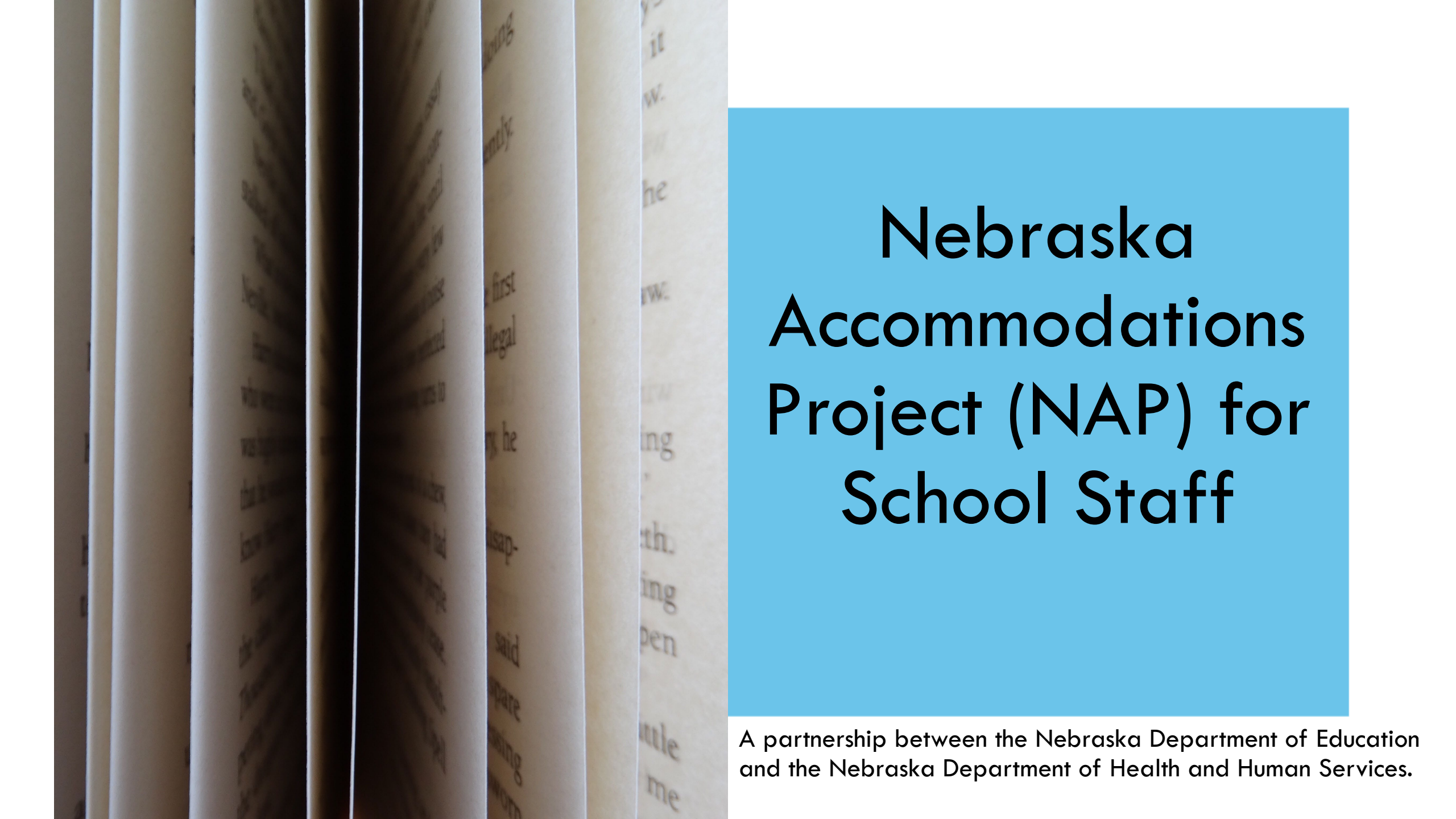
Agenda

- ❖ Welcome from the Commissioner
- ❖ DHHS Update
- ❖ Governor's Update
- ❖ NDE Update
- ❖ Commissioner's Remarks

New Directed Health Measure Order (DHMO)

- Effective September 1st , 2020



The background of the slide features a close-up, vertical view of several book spines. The spines are light-colored, possibly cream or off-white, and show signs of wear. Faint, dark text is visible on the spines, but it is mostly illegible due to the focus and angle. The books are stacked closely together, creating a sense of depth and texture.

Nebraska Accommodations Project (NAP) for School Staff

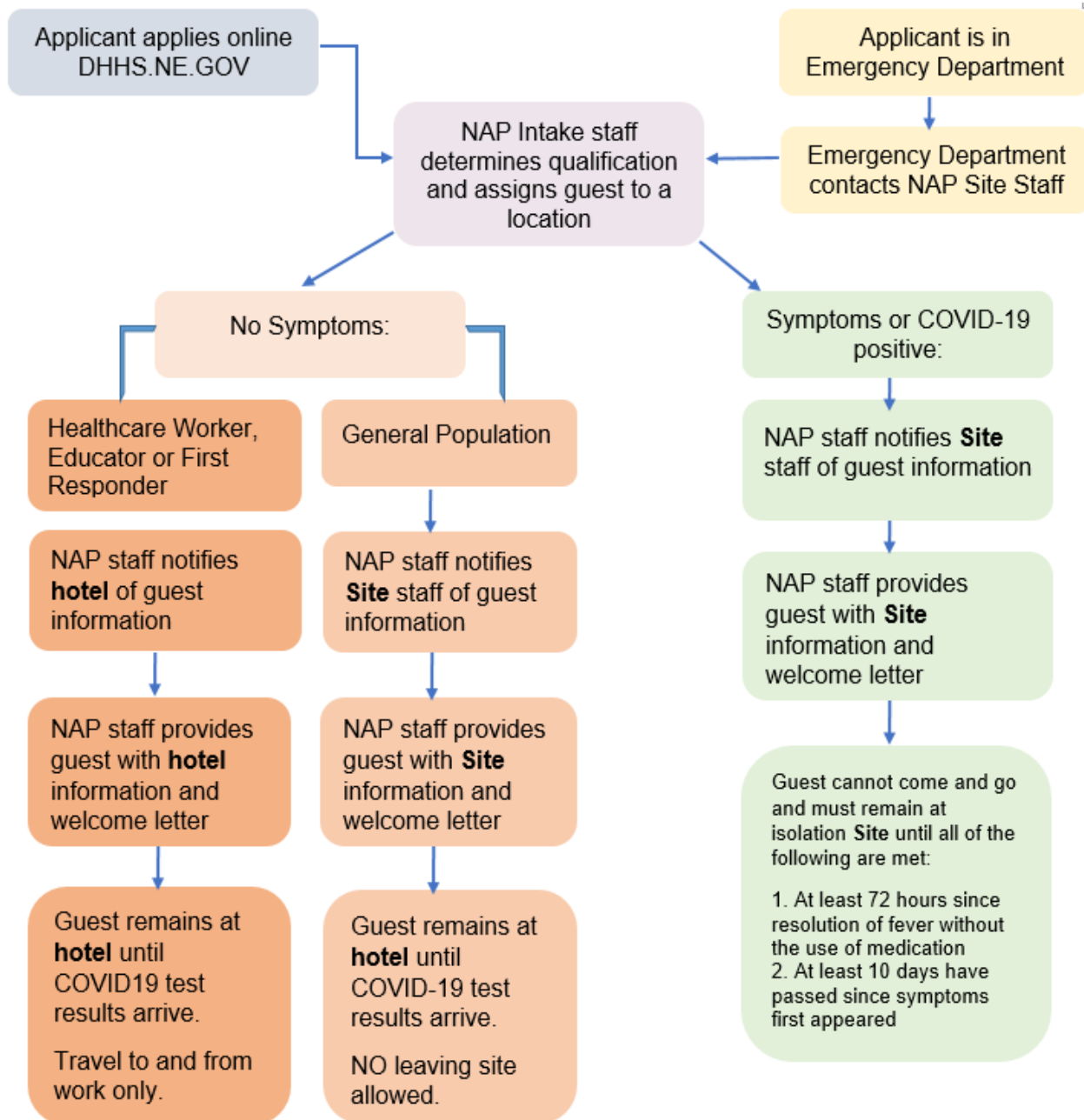
A partnership between the Nebraska Department of Education
and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Nebraska Accommodations Project (NAP)

NAP for Educators and School Staff

- The partnership between the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will provide short term housing for quarantine and/or isolation outside of your usual household using NAP.
- This project is designed to protect any household member with a health condition that puts them at higher health risk from exposure to COVID-19.
- NAP Placement is in a local hotel (less than 40 min drive) within 24 hours of application.
- Stay is 14 days (or until condition changes).
- There is no charge for this service (as long as guest does not violate policies).

Overview of Project:



Definitions:

Exposure:

Contact in a closed space, less than six feet apart, for over 15 minutes with a COVID-19 positive person.

COVID-19 positive:

Clinical diagnosis by healthcare professional or lab confirmed infection.

Qualification criteria:

1. Citizen of Nebraska
2. Full time household member with a high-risk medical condition
3. Exposure information
4. Employer information
5. Applicant cannot provide alternative living situation outside permanent residence

Contact Information:

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[402-471-1993](tel:402-471-1993)
Available :
[8am-8pm Weekdays](#)
[9am-8pm Weekends](#)

There are no guests or visitors at any site.
All sites are alcohol, drug, smoking/tobacco/vape and weapon free.

Application is Online:

- Takes about 10 min to complete
- Basic contact information and qualification questions.
- Please specify contact method for follow up call.
- Email will be primary source of communication for directions, forms and guidance.
- We do NOT notify your employer you are in temporary housing.



Application Process: 1. Visit DHH.NE.GOV

Screenshot of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHH) website (http://dhs.ne.gov/Pages/default.aspx).

The website header includes the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services logo and navigation links: Administration & Support, DHHS Divisions, Licensing & Regulations, Assistance Programs, Children, Families & Seniors, Health & Wellness, and Vital Records. A search bar is also present.

The main banner features a large image of two people wearing face masks, with a central overlay box providing COVID-19 information:

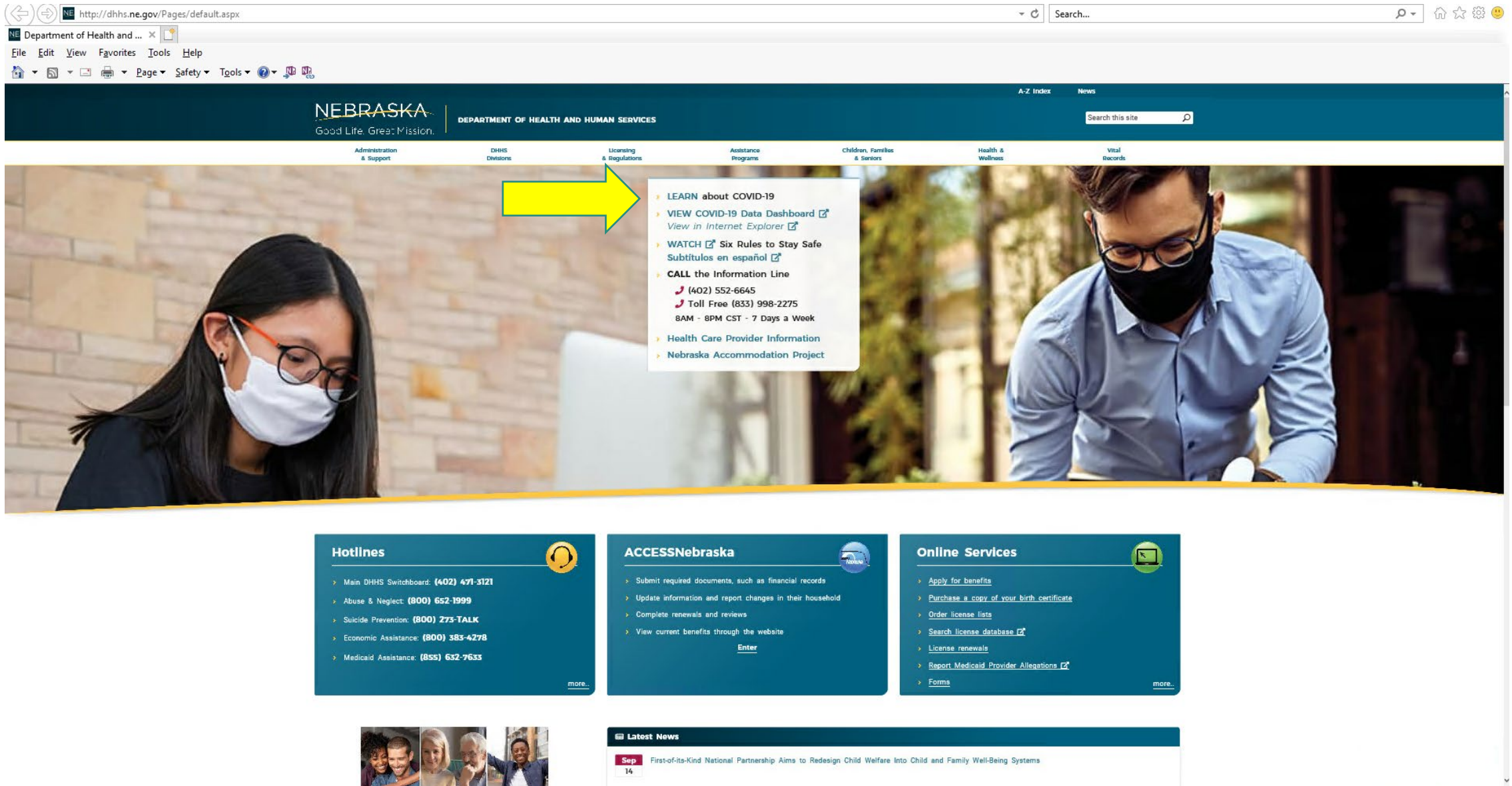
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- WATCH [Six Rules to Stay Safe](#) [Subtítulos en español](#)
- CALL the Information Line
 - (402) 552-6645
 - Toll Free (833) 998-2275
 - 8AM - 8PM CST - 7 Days a Week
- Health Care Provider Information
- Nebraska Accommodation Project

Below the banner, there are three main service sections:

- Hotlines** (with a headset icon):
 - Main DHHS Switchboard: (402) 471-3121
 - Abuse & Neglect: (800) 652-1999
 - Suicide Prevention: (800) 273-TALK
 - Economic Assistance: (800) 383-4278
 - Medicaid Assistance: (855) 632-7633
- ACCESSNebraska** (with a Nebraska state icon):
 - Submit required documents, such as financial records
 - Update information and report changes in their household
 - Complete renewals and reviews
 - View current benefits through the website [Enter](#)
- Online Services** (with a laptop icon):
 - [Apply for benefits](#)
 - [Purchase a copy of your birth certificate](#)
 - [Order license lists](#)
 - [Search license database](#)
 - [License renewals](#)
 - [Report Medicaid Provider Allegations](#)
 - [Forms](#)

At the bottom, there is a "Latest News" section with a date indicator (Sep 14) and a headline: "First-of-its-Kind National Partnership Aims to Redesign Child Welfare into Child and Family Well-Being Systems".

Application Process: 2. Navigate to Learn about COVID-19



The screenshot shows the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services website. A yellow arrow points to a white overlay box containing COVID-19 information. The overlay box lists the following links and contact information:

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Latest News

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Application Process: 3. Navigate to NAP Tab

The screenshot displays the Nebraska COVID-19 website interface. At the top, a banner reads "Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)". Below the banner, there is a "Subscribe For Updates" button and social media icons. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- COVID-19 Data Dashboard:** View the data in all modern browsers and mobile applications. [NOTE: Internet Explorer Users should use this link.](#)
- COVID-19 Information Line:** (402) 552-6645, Toll Free (833) 998-2275, 8AM - 8PM CST - 7 Days a Week.
- Information in Other Languages:** A list of links for various languages including Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and French.
- Directed Health Measures**
- Nebraska Case Information**
- Guidance Documents**
- Protect Yourself and Others** (highlighted with a yellow arrow pointing to the **Nebraska Accommodation Project (NAP)** link)
- Nebraska Accommodation Project (NAP)**
- Traveler Recommendations**
- State Overview**
- Information in Other Languages**
- COVID-19 Resources for Health Care Providers & Related Audiences**
- Local Health Departments**
- Community CARES**
- Testing**
- Contact Tracing**

On the right side, there is a sidebar with a "Back to Diseases and Conditions" link and a "More" section listing various resources.



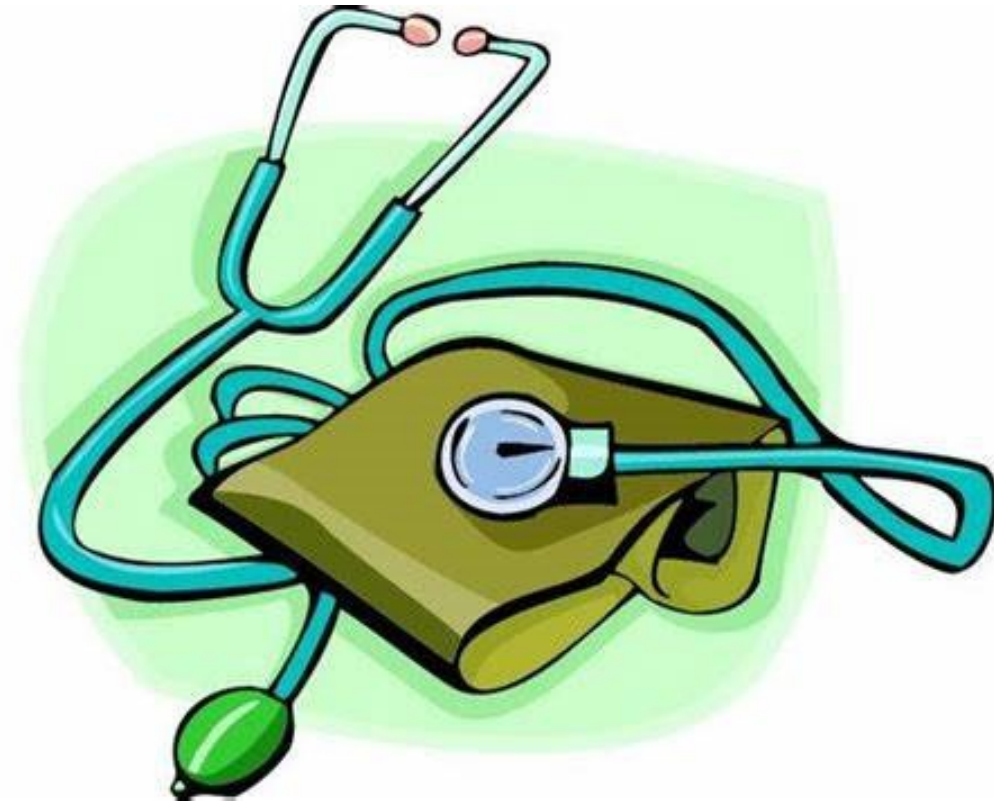
Qualifying Criteria:

- Nebraska resident with State issued photo ID
- Employed by any school in Nebraska
 - Must be physically working on campus daily
 - Must come in contact with children daily on campus
- Has a full time cohabitant with a high risk medical diagnoses
- Provide the following information:
 - Date of exposure:
 - Location of exposure:



High Risk Diagnoses:

- Covid-19 infection (positive by test or clinical diagnosis)
- Age over 65
- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cancer and/or Cancer treatment
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Diabetes
- Immunocompromised (due to ailment or medication)
- Pregnancy or nursing
- Serious heart conditions
- Sickle cell disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension
- Neurologic Conditions
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Thalassemia



Definitions:

Exposure:

- having spent more than 15 minutes
- in a closed space
- less than 6 feet apart from someone
- that is COVID19 positive or showing COVID19 symptoms



COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever (higher than 100.4)
- Chills
- Dry cough
- Shortness of breath
- New and sudden onset of:
 - Fatigue
 - Body Aches (not related to exercise)
 - Loss of taste/smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion
 - Runny nose
 - Nausea
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea

Project Policies:

Failure to adhere to project policies will result in guest being removed from site and guest may be billed for services. Once removed from a site, the guest will no longer be eligible for NAP benefits.

- No pets, guests, visitors or deliveries to site
- Twice daily self-monitoring with provided symptom log is to be reported to DHHS
- Only travel to and from work with one weekly shopping trip (during a return from work trip)
- Remain in assigned room at all times while on property
- Wear mask at all times when not inside room (to include parking lots and other shared spaces)
- No alcohol, smoking, vaping, tobacco or drug use on site property (to include parking lots)
- Follow site guidance for social distancing, hygiene and moving around site
- Be respectful and courteous to site staff, other guests and personnel



Self Monitor Log:

Twice a day fill out the following information.

- Time:
- Temperature:
- Any symptoms, if yes please list:

If you have new symptoms please contact:

Z. Winfrey 402-471-1993 or 402-560-1679

- Medical services will be provided
- Comfort medications will be provided
- Food and laundry services will be provided



Questions:

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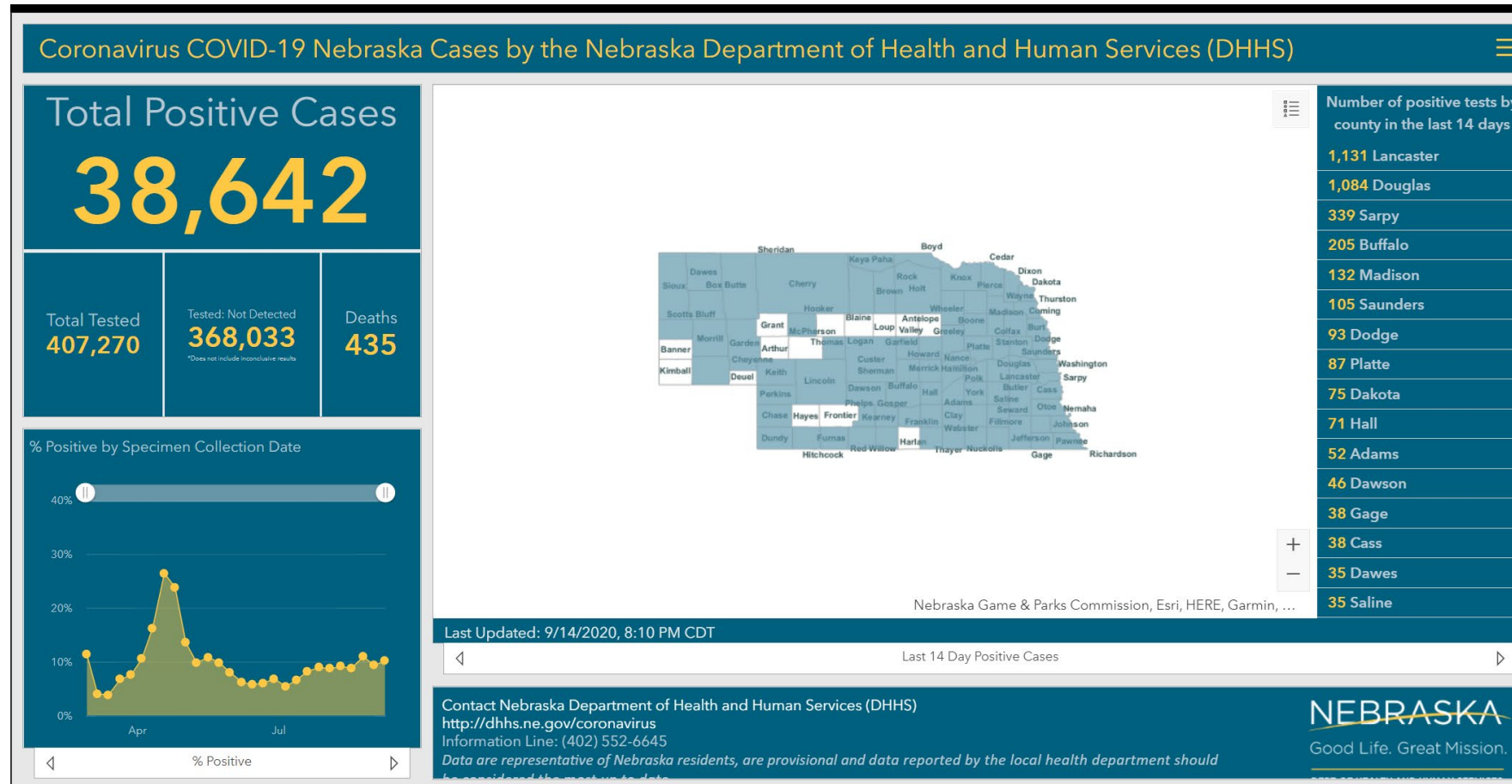
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Governor's Update



Digital Equity in Nebraska



CARES Act (ESSER, GEERS)

- CARES Act
 - ESSER - Local Education Agency Resources (\$59 million)
 - ESSER - Statewide (\$6.5 million)
 - GEER (\$16.4 million)

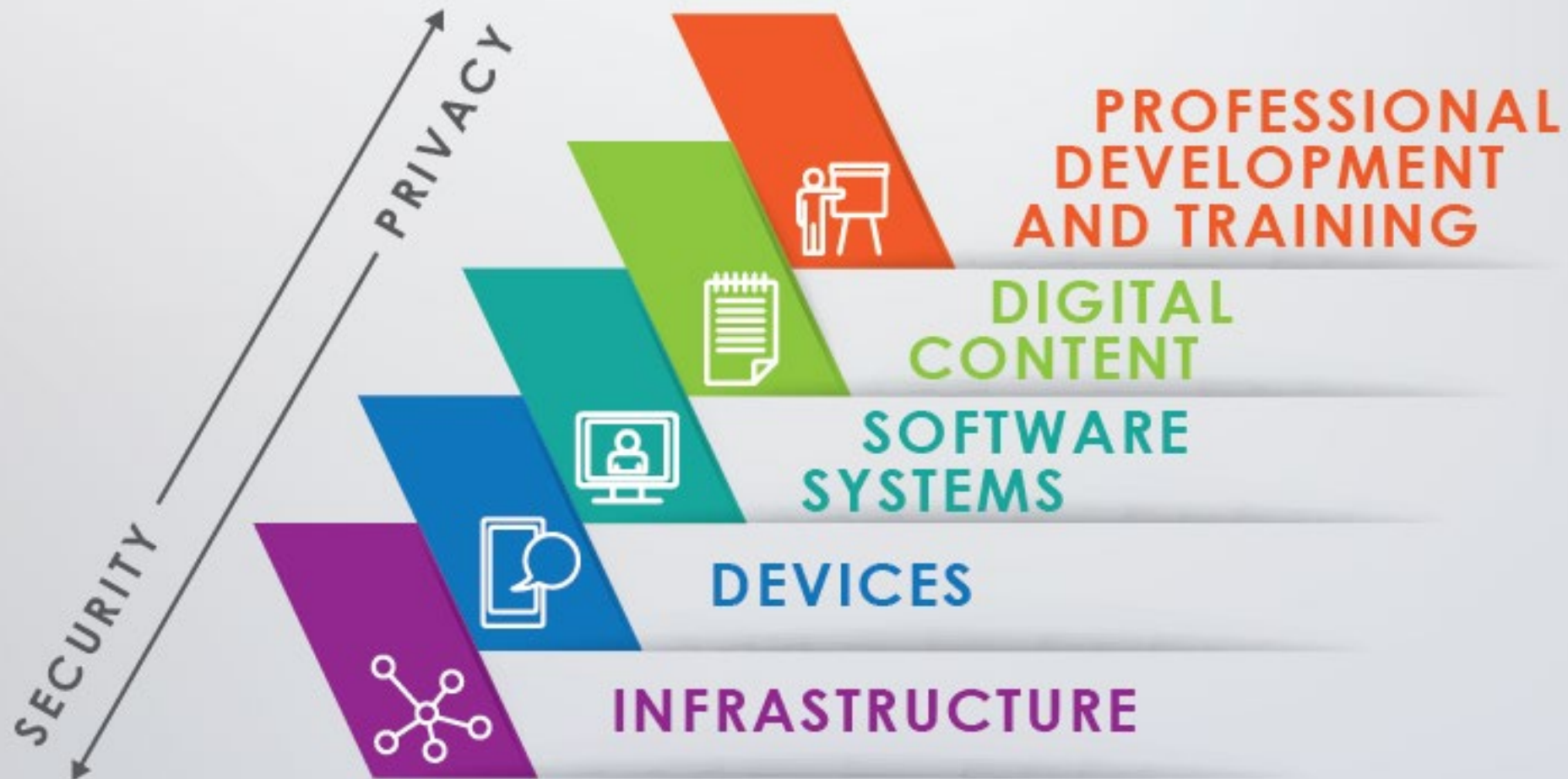
NDE May 2020 Statewide Survey about CARES Act priorities

- Enhance **technology infrastructure** (e.g., **broadband, devices, platforms, data privacy, etc.**) for students and families.

CARES Act (ESSER, GEERS)

- **Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund**
 - Addressing the digital divide and related issues to support remote learning for students in K-12 schools
 - Focus on providing equitable access to technology for all students and improving parity in access to all schools
 - Can include hardware purchases for use of school students and improving access to reliable, high-speed internet for students

Hierarchy of Digital Learning Needs



Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

- Estimated ~40,000 students without sufficient educational broadband access at home
- **Project Options:**
 - Mobile Cellular Hotspots
 - Homework Hotspots at Community Institutions
 - Working with Local Internet Providers
 - TV White Space (TVWS) [470-698 MHz]
 - Wireless Education Broadband Services (EBS) [2.5 Ghz]
- Likely a combination of options locally

Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

- **Infrastructure**

- Digital Equity Data Collection

- Target **resources** to students and teachers in need
 - Determine the most effective **connectivity solutions**
 - Advocate for **state and federal funding** to close the digital access gap
 - Understand the impact that home digital access has on learning outcomes
 - Meet emerging federal CARES Act **reporting** requirements

Technology Equity Support

<u>Survey Question</u>	<u>Response Options</u>
<i>Can the student access the internet on their primary learning device at home?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Yes•No - Not Available•No - Not Affordable•No - Other
<i>What is the primary type of internet service used at the residence?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•ResidentialBroadband (e.g., DSL, Cable, Fiber)•CellularNetwork•SchoolProvidedHotSpot•Satellite•Dial-up•Other•None
<i>Can the student stream a video on their primary learning device without interruption?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Yes - No issues•Yes - But not consistent•No
<i>What device does the student most often use to complete school work at home?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Desktop/Laptop•Tablet•Chromebook•SmartPhone•None•Other
<i>Is the primary learning device a personal device or school-provided? Is the primary learning device shared with anyone else in the household?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Personal - Dedicated (one person per machine)•Personal - Shared (sharing among others in household)•School Provided - Dedicated•School Provided - Shared•None

Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

- Digital Equity Month (September)
 - **Webinar: Thursday, September 17, 2020, 10 am CDT**
 - Education SuperHighway Playbook and Toolkit
- Request For Quote (RFQ): Internet Service Providers
 - Pricing and options available online

Devices

- Contracting with ESU Coordinating Council
 - Digital Learning Profile and Plan data collection
 - Identified devices needed (verification this week)
 - Established a device catalog of options
 - Order process or reimbursement
 - Up to \$400/device
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- Potential second round for districts and schools that were unable to submit original profile and plan

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Commissioner's Remarks

- ❖ Attendance Matters: Connected, Present, Engaged, Supported
- ❖ Development of more detailed, scenario-based “Commissioner’s Guidance”
 - ❖ Ex. Instructional hours to support embedded professional learning
- ❖ Updates to Launch NE (Archive documents, update guidance)
- ❖ Stay the Course
- ❖ Topic(s) for September 29
 - ❖ Rule 10 and Flexibilities

Wrap- UP

- As always, visit the www.education.ne.gov/publichealth page for additional information.
- Staff at the NDE are working to address key FAQs and other topics as we know them.
- Please use below link and submit your questions and suggestions for next zoom call by Friday, September 25th, 2020
<https://forms.gle/64oTH8XQLFsGNwJ96>



Thank you!