Important Update Regarding COVID-19
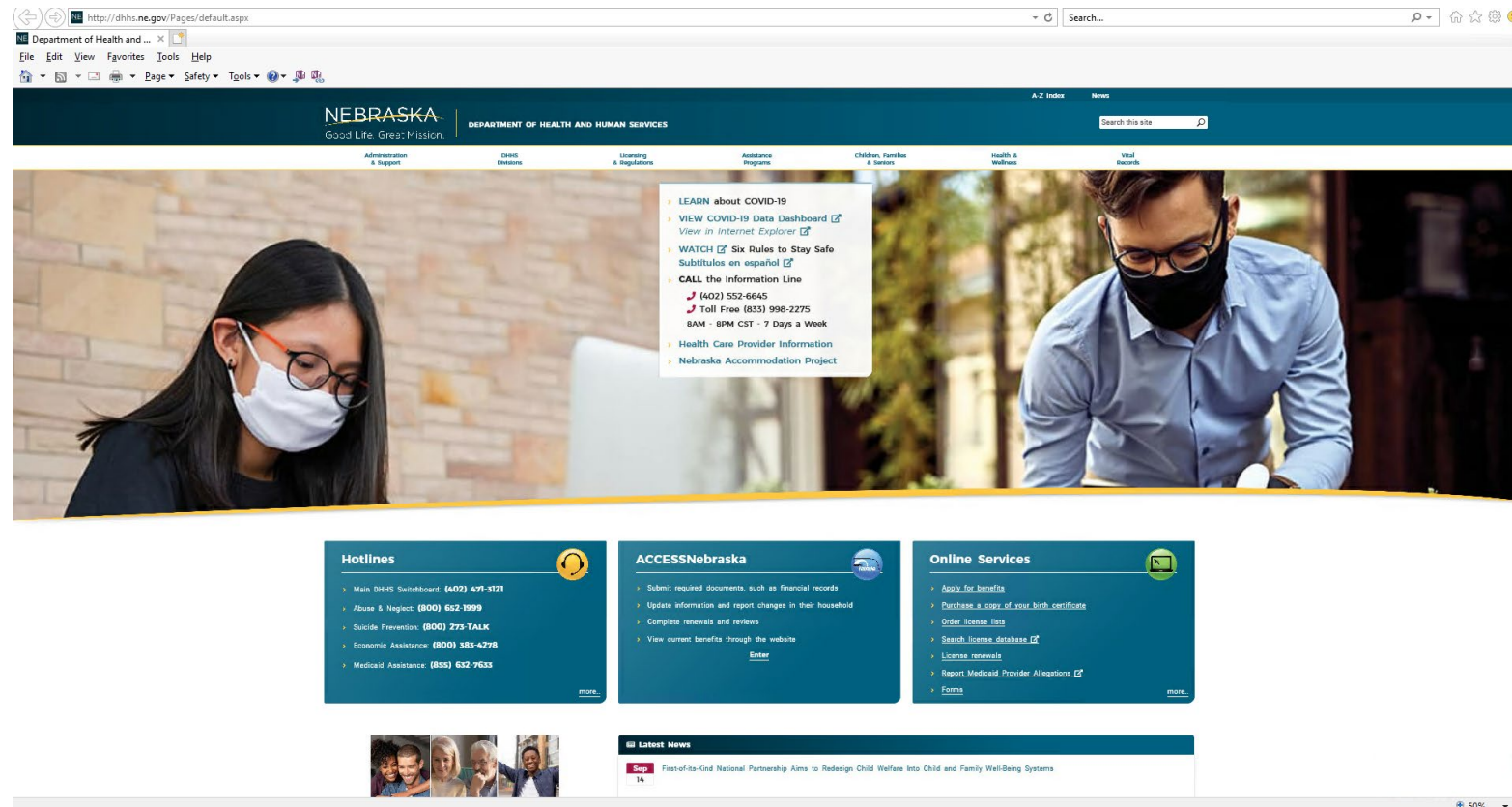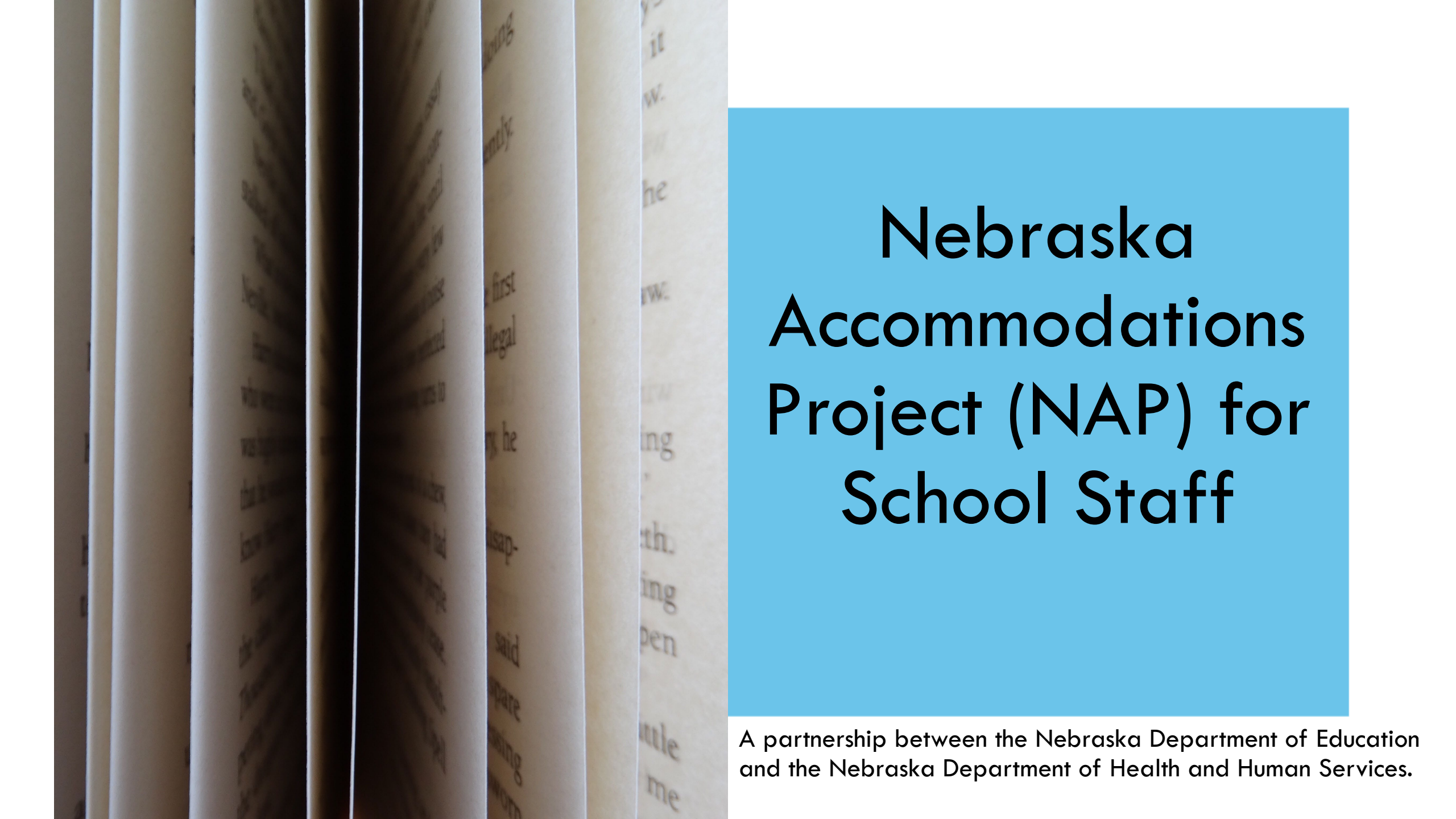
Date: September 15th, 2020
Time: 11:00 am CST

Agenda

❖ Welcome from the Commissioner

❖ DHHS Update

❖ Governor's Update

❖ NDE Update

❖ Commissioner's Remarks

New Directed Health Measure Order (DHM)

- Effective September 1st , 2020

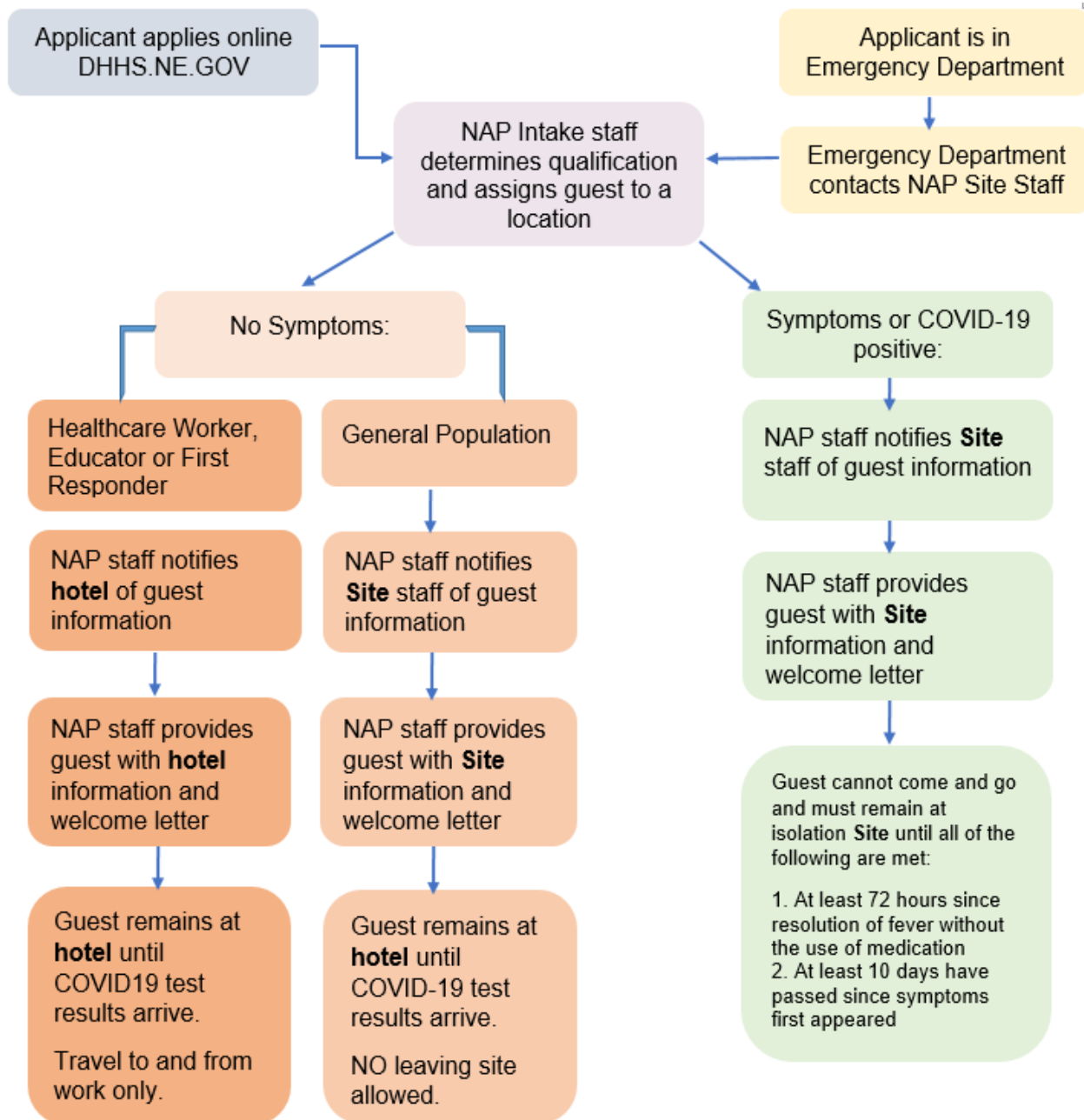# Nebraska Accommodations Project (NAP) for School Staff

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:

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Applicant applies online          Applicant is in                 Definitions:
DHHS.NE.GOV                        Emergency Department

                                                                   Exposure:
         NAP Intake staff          Emergency Department            Contact in a closed space, less
         determines qualification  contacts NAP Site Staff         than six feet apart, for over 15
         and assigns guest to a                                    minutes with a COVID-19
         location                                                  positive person.
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No Symptoms:

Symptoms or COVID-19 positive:

COVID-19 positive:
Clinical diagnosis by healthcare professional or lab confirmed infection.

Healthcare Worker, Educator or First Responder	General Population

NAP staff notifies **Site** staff of guest information

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

NAP staff notifies **hotel** of guest information

NAP staff notifies **Site** staff of guest information

NAP staff provides guest with **Site** information and welcome letter

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NAP staff provides guest with **Site** information and welcome letter

Guest cannot come and go and must remain at isolation **Site** until all of the following are met:

1. At least 72 hours since resolution of fever without the use of medication
2. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Contact Information:

Zidarta.Winfrey@Nebraska.gov
402-471-1993
Available :
8am-8pm Weekdays
9am-8pm Weekends

Guest remains at **hotel** until COVID19 test results arrive.

Travel to and from work only.

Guest remains at **hotel** until COVID-19 test results arrive.

NO leaving site allowed.

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

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

Application Process: 3. Navigate to NAP Tab

Application Process: 3. Fill out Application

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 do ailment or medication)
- Pregnancy or nursing
- Serious heart conditions
- Sickle cell disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension
- Neurologic Conditions
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Thalassemia
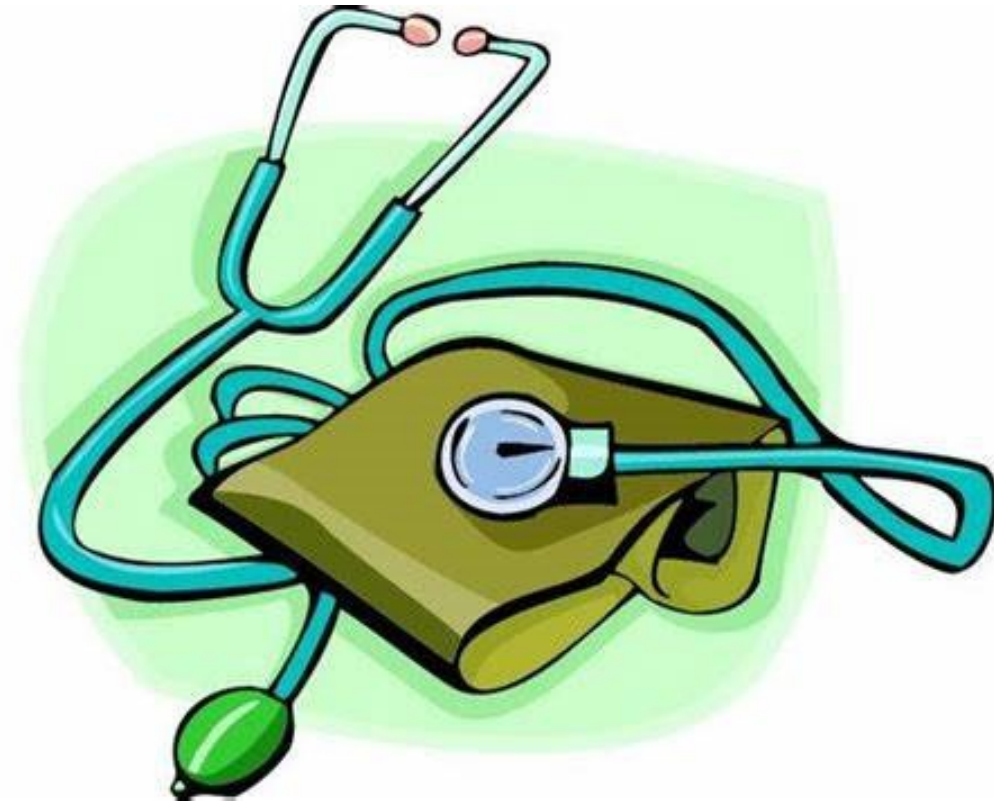
Definitions:

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:

Z. Winfrey| *Hospital Preparedness Program Coordinator* |

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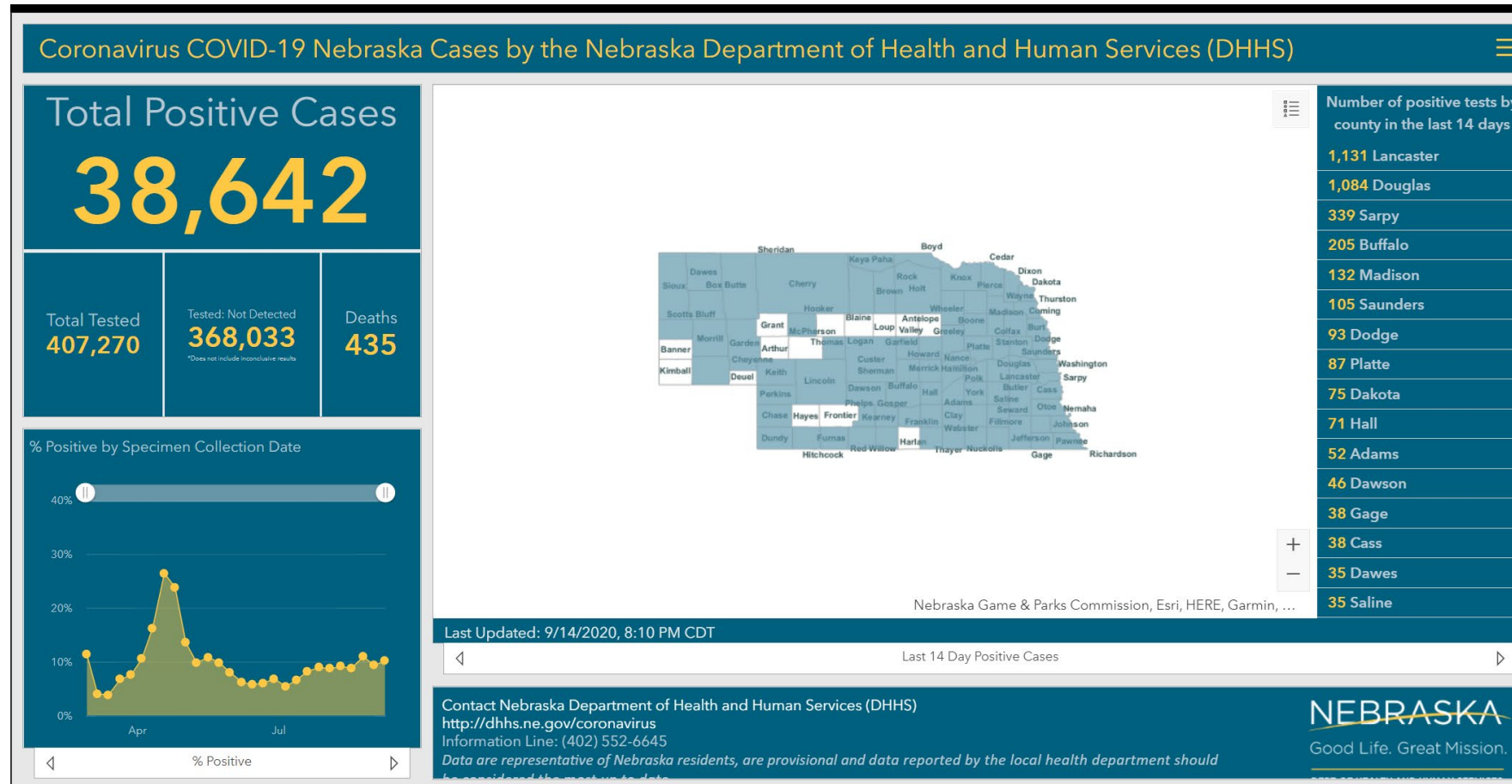
Digital Equity in Nebraska

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 <u>digital divide and related issues to support remote learning</u> for students in K-12 schools

  - Focus on <u>providing equitable access to technology</u> for all students Fonts and improving parity in access to all schools

  - Can include <u>hardware</u> purchases for use of school students and improving access to reliable, <u>high-speed internet</u> for students

Hierarchy of Digital Learning Needs
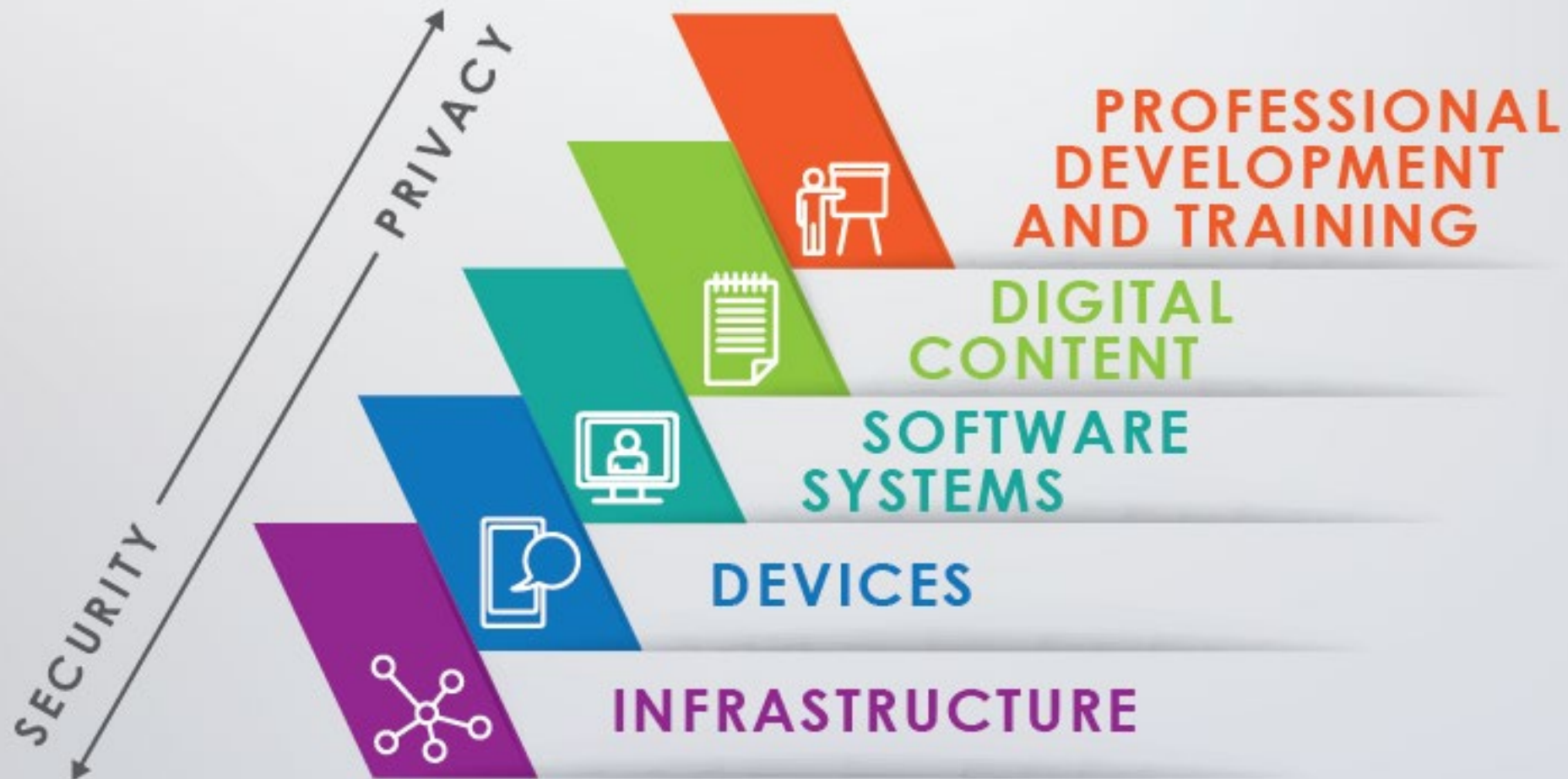
Infrastructure (Broadband, Internet)

- Estimated ~40,000 students <u>without</u> sufficient educational broadband access at home

- **<u>Project Options:</u>**
    - 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

Survey Question	Response Options
Can the student access the internet on their primary learning device at home?	•Yes •No - Not Available •No - Not Affordable •No - Other
What is the primary type of internet service used at the residence?	•**ResidentialBroadband** (e.g., DSL, Cable, Fiber) •**CellularNetwork** •**SchoolProvidedHotSpot** •**Satellite** •**Dial-up** •**Other** •**None**
Can the student stream a video on their primary learning device without interruption?	•**Yes - No issues** •**Yes - But not consistent** •**No**
What device does the student most often use to complete school work at home?	•**Desktop/Laptop** •**Tablet** •**Chromebook** •**SmartPhone** •**None** •**Other**
Is the primary learning device a personal device or school-provided? Is the primary learning device shared with anyone else in the household?	•**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

- 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!