

Advocating for Physicians and the Health of all Nebraskans

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John Spatz, J.D. Executive Director Nebraska Association of School Boards 1311 Stockwell Street Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear John,

The Nebraska Medical Association (NMA) represents almost 4,000 physicians, residents, and medical students across the state of Nebraska. On behalf of our members, the NMA would like to commend you and the NASB members on its' thoughtful and creative approach to re-open schools safely.

Global research continues to show that social distancing, hand washing, and the use of face coverings at all times are important interventions in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. We strongly support the use of masks or cloth face coverings at all times in enclosed settings in order to reduce the chance of spread of the virus. Following these guidelines will not only keep our students safe, but also the community they interact with.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to keeping children and the community safe.

Sincerely,

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