

Student Health & Safety

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As we return to school, the safety of your son is of the utmost importance. Here's what we're doing to keep your students safe and healthy.

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Health & Safety Protocols

[divider line_type="No Line" custom_height="5"] NorthStar has made updates and changes to its safety protocols to ensure our students remain safe and healthy during the upcoming school year. As detailed in this video, safety measures for this year include:

- Daily temperature screenings

- Mask mandates while indoors
- Limiting the number of students in groups during programming
- Frequent hand-washing breaks and consistent availability of hand sanitizer

For questions on our health & safety protocols, please contact Taylor Wentz, Safety Manager, at taylor@outwardboundomaha.org. [divider line_type="No Line" custom_height="50"]

Daytime and After-School Hours

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NorthStar will expand its out-of-school time services during the Fall 2020 semester. With the completion of the new South Wing, which will open on August 14th, NorthStar will add 17,000 sq. ft. of classroom space to its facility footprint, significantly increasing our capacity to serve students within the highest levels of safety and physical distancing.

Daytime Extended Learning Services: NorthStar will be open during the day from 7:15am to 2:45pm primarily for OPS students Monday through Friday. Students may arrive beginning at 7:15am and must arrive before 8:00am when classes for 6th to 12th grade students begin. Transportation will not be provided in the morning and NorthStar presently does not plan to provide regular transportation for daytime programming. Breakfast and lunch will be served daily.

NorthStar will be closed for deep facility cleaning between the day and after-school groups, hence daytime students must be picked up between 2:45 - 3:00pm. This is a key element in our ability to ensure that we can isolate any COVID-19 cases by grade and by time of day. Students will not be allowed in the building during this time, and students may not attend both daytime and after-school services on the same day to enable more students to participate.

After-School Programming: NorthStar will be open for after-school services each week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 7:00pm. **NorthStar will not be open for after-school services on Fridays.** NorthStar will provide limited

transportation from schools with high enrollment. Dinner will be served in partnership with Food Bank for the Heartland.

In order to maximize our impact on the academic trajectory of students, boys will be expected to attend consistently for the days they are enrolled (minimum of two days per week).

Over the course of this extended day, NorthStar will serve 200 boys in grades 3 -12 each day while still maintaining under 20% of the campus' facility capacity. This Fall Program Model will provide a vital bridge to needed services for vulnerable and economically disadvantaged boys and families during a disrupted academic year.

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Attendance Policy

[divider line_type="No Line"]Historically NorthStar has taken the approach that families/students can access our services the nights it works for them. Some boys attend 5 nights, others only a few each week. **This fall, we ask parents to help us support your son, maximize our ability to serve more boys, and put students and staff in the best position to be safe and healthy by following our attendance policy.**

In order to staff daytime and after-school services and provide as many students as possible the opportunity to attend NorthStar and ensure a safe environment, regular attendance will be required. **The daytime attendance commitment is 80%, and the after-school attendance commitment is 40%. If a student drops below that threshold, his slot may be re-assigned for the quarter, and a student on the waiting list will be given that slot.** We will be staffing for groups of 10 in order to avoid combining groups for the safety of students. If we are expecting 10 students and 5 attend on any given day, our staffing and spacing in the building is inefficient and it limits the opportunity for more students to access NorthStar. A failure to show up means your spot will be given to another student to ensure we are leveraging opportunities for students to attend consistently.

Please contact Rose Roeder, our Outreach & Enrollment Coordinator, at rose@northstar360.org for more information.

Parent Communication

Parents and families can expect to receive communication from NorthStar through several platforms.

- Parents will receive text/email communications through Track CC (automatically enrolled with contact information included with the student's registration).
- NorthStar's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts will share regular updates for families and the general public.
- The NorthStar website is the home for more timely, lengthy information on programming, enrollment, and safety protocols related to COVID-19

mitigation.

- The [Team Snap app](#) will be used for communication on athletic activities.

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