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Residents in Benson are fed up with area's recent increase in 'level of chaos.' *Midlands, Page 3A*

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Westside schools now plan mix of at-home, in-person classes this fall

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Students in the Westside Community Schools will attend school only part of the week, district officials announced Tuesday.

The district said that from Aug. 18 through Sept. 4, some students will attend school in person while others will be at home.

The Omaha Public Schools and Ralston Public Schools have both

announced that their students will be divided into two groups that will alternate days attending school.

The Westside district's schedule will look different for elementary and secondary students.

Elementary school students will be divided into two groups based on their last names. Students whose last names start with A through K will attend school in person Mondays and Tuesdays. Students whose last names start

with L through Z will attend school in person Thursdays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, everyone except teachers will be at home.

On days when students are not in class, they will have opportunities between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to participate in live or prerecorded teaching lessons and small-group work.

Students who are home will not be expected to participate in six hours of continuous screen time.

CORONAVIRUS CASES

	Infections	Deaths
Nebraska	25,157	321
Iowa	42,799	839
U.S.	4,349,313	149,235

*As of 10 p.m. Tuesday

Middle and high school students will be broken down into even smaller groups. Students whose last names start with A-E will at-

tend school in person on Mondays, students with last names F-K will attend Tuesdays, students with last names L-R on Thursday and S-Z on Friday. On Wednesday, middle schoolers and high schoolers will be home.

On days when those students are home, they will have about 30 minutes or more of work per class per day that they will be expected to

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NEW STUDY LINKS EVICTIONS TO RACIAL SEGREGATION, DISPARITIES



Eviction rates closely correlated with areas that have health, education and wealth challenges

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Evictions of people from their homes occur much more frequently in majority Black and Hispanic neighborhoods of Omaha than in majority white parts of the city, according to a new report that examined eight years of court records.

Many of the neighborhoods with the highest frequency of evictions also tend to have low incomes, low scores on standardized tests at

Nyaluak Duop in her Omaha apartment. She faces an eviction hearing today. The authors of a new report suggest that changing eviction policies may improve lives.

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neighborhood schools, lower life expectancy and higher rates of COVID-19 infection, according to the report, called "Understanding Evictions in Omaha."

It may not be surprising, of course, that evictions often occur in high-poverty areas. Or that those areas have an array of health, edu-

cation and wealth challenges, some stemming from a history of racial segregation.

But the authors of the new report — Creighton University assistant professor Pierce Greenberg and housing lawyer Gary Fischer — say the overlapping nature of those issues suggests that changing eviction

policies could improve people's lives and neighborhoods.

"While by no means a solution to systemic racism, local housing and eviction policies provide one key avenue to address racial disparities in Omaha," they wrote.

For example, Fischer recommended an examination of the Omaha Housing Authority's eviction practices, because that agency accounted for 7% of the eviction fil-

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Lincoln rally calls for more safety measures at meatpacking plants

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As the coronavirus pandemic persists, workers at the Smithfield Foods pork plant in Crete have face masks and shields.

But it's not enough to fully protect them from the virus that's sickened thousands of meatpacking and food production workers, longtime Smithfield worker Geraldine Waller said Tuesday at a rally on the steps of Nebraska's State Capitol.

Disposable masks are easily soiled by animal blood and breathing during long shifts. Face shields fog up — a safety hazard when workers are wielding sharp knives and meat hooks to butcher hogs. Locker rooms remain crowded and the production line hasn't slowed, even though workers are still calling in sick or staying home because they worry about contracting the virus.

"We are human beings, essential

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"Watchmen" gets leading 26 nods; "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "Ozark" have strong showings. **Living, Page 10B**

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Campaign will use pets, memes to shine light on mental health stigma

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A new campaign aimed at reducing the stigma often associated with mental health issues is poised to launch Thursday.

The campaign, however, may not look much like the typical awareness-raising effort.

Instead, it will use tools such as memes, pets and storytelling to allow people to share their experiences with mental health concerns and help them connect with oth-

ers, said Sarah Sjolie, CEO of The Wellbeing Partners, formerly Live Well Omaha.

"It's all (about) getting people to share their mental health stories in an effort to normalize it," she said.

Mental health stood out as the No. 1 issue in the 2018 assessment of health needs in the community conducted by local health departments and health systems, Sjolie said.

"They felt stigma in admitting

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