

RESTART PLAN: Safe Return to School with COVID and ongoing updates.

A GUIDE TO THE CHALLENGES OF COVID - 19



2021-2022
MILLER SCHOOL DISTRICT
MILLER, SD

The result of ongoing information from the CDC, DOE, DOH, the Miller School District and discussions of the COVID Task Force and Leadership Team are compiled in this plan. If there are any questions concerning this document or any document in the Miller School District, please contact, Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent of Schools at (605)853-2614. The dates for reviewing and compiling information for the 2021-2022 school year are: July 14, July 26, August 9, and School Board meetings where COVID is discussed monthly at each meeting. There is an opportunity to open discussion at each School Board meeting. The Restart Plan, Safe Return to School was approved by the Miller School Board on August 9, 2021. The approved plan is also posted on our webpage with an option for all to comment on our documents concerning COVID. There will be an ongoing review of this plan with modifications being highlighted with each revision.

Our goal is for our students and staff to attend school safely while providing the most optimal education possible for our students.

Our survey showed strong support for our students returning to school in the fall of 2020 and we will continue to have our students face-to-face in school for the 2021-2022 school year. Faculty and staff are supported and given every opportunity to protect themselves and the children that they teach. Additional feedback was sought by staff and students in the 2020-2021 school year. This will be an ongoing effort to seek out the staff and students' feedback and ideas for a safe face-to-face school year in addition to the mitigation efforts that are in place.

Restart Plan, Safe to Return to School for the 2021- 2022 school year will include face-to-face learning. Faculty, staff, and students will continue to be supported for a safe learning environment as we continue to grow in our knowledge. The district provides mitigation efforts for students and staff. The mitigation strategies that are being used are social distancing, increased cleaning, disinfecting as well as ongoing modeling and teaching of proper hygiene. Our local hospital, AVERA Medical Group, (605)853-0175 provides opportunities for all that are eligible to be vaccinated for COVID and flu shots daily. We do have a flu shot vaccination day for staff, students, and community members on September 30, 2021. Our staff is being provided ongoing training with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for mental health for students and staffs well-being. The district is in its first year of PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) which is a positive behavior program to help with providing a positive culture of social and emotional learning. The district is welcoming public comment with our Restart Plan, Safe to Return to School and our ARP ESSER District Plan, American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Requirements for ESSER on our webpage.

Our students are very important to us, and students thrive in a safe structured and nurturing environment. We will strive to teach our students through a shared commitment from students, teachers, families, and staff to prevent the spread of COVID – 19.

The South Dakota Department of Education and South Dakota Department of Health have developed guidance for schools with all students attending a regular schedule. The Miller

School District is contacted by the State of South Dakota if there is a positive case connected to the district. However, we realize that if the state cases rise or another round of infection begins in our school/ community, the school guidelines may need to change.

What the Miller School District will do:

- The district attendees will follow social distancing protocol when needed.
- Students and staff will be highly encouraged to wear masks when in the yellow phase.
- Mitigate risk/ spread by encouraging physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, sanitation, hallway flow and spacing of students in common areas.
- Be aware of illness/symptoms in the student body and contact a student's family immediately if a student exhibit symptoms.
- Monitor positive COVID-19 and its spread in the school community and follow the recommendation of health officials regarding modified school schedule, in-school adjustments, or school closures.
- Improve our digital opportunities to meet the needs of our students using distance learning if it arises.

What families can do:

- Administer the Daily Symptom Screening Checklist.
- Keep your children home when having a fever, cough, cold or flu symptoms. Have your well child return to school after the symptoms have subsided 48 hours, with no temperature for 24 hours without aid of fever reducing medication.
- Encourage family members to congregate at the bus stop and sit together while riding the bus.
- Understand that guidelines are determined by health, and educational professionals in an effort to care for your child(ren), considering the physical environment, time spent in school and the potential risk of the health of our students, staff and families.
- Talk to your child(ren) about the changes they may notice at school, reinforcing that these measures are in place to preserve their health, and the health of others.
- Create a family plan:
 - In case your child is sent home from school/bus due to high fever, being ill or is required to be quarantined or isolated.
 - In the event that school closes.
- As always, please reinforce the importance of respecting the responsibility of teachers and staff to maintain order in the classroom, the hallway, and at all school functions.
- Prepare to adapt to change.
- The district will be providing traditional face-to-face school to students enrolled in the Miller School District.
- Understand that we are here to assist you with your child's educational needs.

Miller School Model

Threshold 1	Threshold 2	Threshold 3	Threshold 4
Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Open with increased safety measures Face-to-face instruction Inform parents/families of moving to Phase 2 Masks may be required Social Distancing Hand Washing Timed Interactions Inform parents/families of increased safety measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools are Open with increased measures Face-to-face instruction Inform parents/families of moving to Phase 3 Masks are required Increase isolation measures by the building/classroom Inform parents/families of increased safety measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building closed to students Inform parents/families of moving to Phase 4 School implements 100% distance learning Students will be able to receive lunch and breakfast. Parents will need to pick up at the school. Decisions on all staff reporting vs. Closing buildings will be handled by the Superintendent's office.

Health Protocols

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
Staff and Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requirements 	Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health screening and temperature checks are completed at home Face-covering may be required Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health screening and temperature checks are completed at home Face-covering may be required Temperature checks by school personnel when symptoms are observed Temperatures greater than 100.0 will be sent home Students will be isolated for parent pick-up. 	Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health screening and temperature checks must be completed at home Face-coverings will be required Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health screening and temperature checks must be completed at home Face-coverings will be required Temperature checks by school personnel when symptoms are observed Temperatures greater than 100.0 will be sent home. Students will be isolated for parent pick-up Student may 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable schools are closed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student may return when symptoms have subsided for 48 hours including 24 hours without aid of fever medication 	<p>return when symptoms have subsided for 48 hours including 24 hours without aid of fever medication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus students will be taken to school and isolated for parent pick-up 	
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Educational Delivery

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is Open Traditional face-to-face instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face-to-face instruction School is Open with increased measures Masks are highly recommended Students that have COVID-19 will be allowed to attend on Teams or Google Classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face-to-face instruction School is Open with increased measures Masks are required Increase isolation measures by the building/classroom Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams are the distance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings are closed to students Inform parents/families of the move to closure Utilize distance learning through Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams.

		<p>learning platforms that will be used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will integrate distance learning into regular instruction • Continue staff development of Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams • Inform parents/families to the move to blended learning if needed • Utilize the online learning while in class or out of class schedule • Instruct students and parents on schedules/responsibilities and attendance 	
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Instructional Information

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School is Open Traditional face-to-face instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents/ families of moving to Phase 2 Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams are the distance learning platforms that will be used if needed Staff will integrate distance learning into regular instruction if needed Continued staff development of Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents/ families of moving to Phase 3 Utilize online learning while in class or out of class schedule. Instruct students on schedules/ responsibilities and attendance Inform parents/ families of changing to Phase 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents/ families of moving to Phase 4 Utilize distance learning through Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams

Physical Distancing of Group Size

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will work to create an environment that is safe for all individuals • Staff will reconfigure classroom to protect students as space allows • Social distancing where possible • Schedule movement where possible (classes, hallways, and common areas) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will work to create an environment that is safe for all individuals • Staff will reconfigure classroom to protect students as space allows • Social distancing where possible • Face masks will be required Minimize movement where possible (classes, hallways, common areas) • No Assemblies may be implemented • No field trips may be implemented • Staggered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable

		recess, lunch, and specials schedules	
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Cleaning Protocol

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed
No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily Cleaning at schools as per normal protocol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cleaning of surfaces Nightly disinfecting of classrooms and common areas Hand sanitizing liquid in rooms and common areas Sanitation spray provided in every classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cleaning of surfaces Nightly disinfecting of classroom and common areas Hand sanitizing liquid in rooms and common areas Sanitation spray provided in every classroom 	Schools will be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and secured until reopening

Access to Buildings

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
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School is Open No Spread	School is Open Low Spread/ Low Risk	School is Open Moderate Spread/More Risk	School is Closed Substantial Spread
	Visitors Visitors will be allowed in the school Visitors No visitors past entry point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited access (by appointment; official school business only) Face covering may be required Late arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guardian will bring student no farther than vestibule. Early pick-up: Guardian will enter the vestibule and wait for student 	Visitors No visitors past entry point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited access (by appointment; official school business only) Face covering will be required Late arrival: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guardian will bring student no farther than vestibule. Early pick-up: Guardian will enter the vestibule and wait for student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable

Transportation

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
School is Open	School is Open	School is Open	School is Closed

No Spread	Low Spread/ Low Risk	Moderate Spread/More Risk	Substantial Spread
All district transportation has normal protocols.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-covering is highly recommended. • Hand sanitizer on bus • Bus stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social distancing. ○ Students will have an assigned seat • Buses and district vehicles will be sanitized after each use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face-covering is mandatory. • Hand sanitizer on bus. • Bus stops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social distancing. ○ Students will have an assigned seat • Buses and district vehicles will be sanitized after each use 	No Student Transportation

Food Service

Phase 1 School is Open No Spread	Phase 2 School is Open Low Spread/ Low Risk	Phase 3 School is Open Moderate Spread/More Risk	Phase 4 School is Closed Substantial Spread
District Food Service has normal protocols.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and lunch are served in the commons, safety precautions will be taken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face masks will be required. • Breakfast and lunch are served in the commons, safety precautions will be taken • Cashier will be positioned behind a plexiglass shield 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not applicable, School is closed • Students will be able to receive lunch and breakfast • Parents will need to pick up meals at the school

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Students with Disabilities with respect to Health and Safety:

Students with disabilities with respect to health and safety will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Each student will be allowed the most effective learning opportunity when health and safety is a focus with educating the student in a face-to-face manner. The Miller School District will be asking for medical staff to give guidance for the health and safety of the individual(s). The Miller School District will continue to provide mitigation efforts to ensure that all students and staff are safe.

Activities and Sports:

Testing regimens, specific guidelines regarding mass gatherings, and response to a student or team member testing positive for COVID-19 (including contact tracing) are all currently under review, and guidance will come from CDC and state and local health departments. Limited testing availability, lack of resources for contact tracing, and expanding knowledge of the characteristics of COVID-19 transmission could all result in significant changes to the recommendations below. The NFHS, and SDHSAA expect to disseminate this information as it becomes available.

All Miller School District Activities and Sports:

- Phase 1, No Risk and Phase 2, Low Risk: All Activities and Sports are open as normal.
- Phase 3, More Risk: Practice, Spectators, and Events could be limited.
- Phase 4, Highest Risk Remote Learning: No School means No Practice and No Events/Closed due to unsafe conditions.

Travel:

Travel will correlate with phases. Greater risk will create greater restrictions. When using a bus or school vehicles, students and staff will sit appropriately spaced as possible within the bus or vehicle with cases on the rise. All who ride the bus/vehicle will sit in the same seat to and from the activity with cases on the rise.

Transportation Considerations:

- Face coverings while in a school vehicle is highly recommended if cases are on the rise.
- Transportation staff will clean and disinfect high contact areas between runs/routes.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each bus/school vehicles.
- Each vehicle will be disinfected thoroughly at the end of each trip.
- Students will be socially/physically distanced as possible when cases are on the rise – family members may sit multiple to a seat.

Health and Safety Measures for all Conditioning, Practice, and Contests:

- A. Phase 1 and Phase 2, Not applicable.

B. Phase 3, Screen for signs of COVID-19:

- All rostered individuals will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to a workout when cases are on the rise. Screening includes a temperature check.
- Responses to screening questions for each person should be recorded and stored securely and in compliance with privacy laws so that there is a record of everyone present in case a student develops COVID-19.
- Any person with symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional.
- People at risk for COVID-19 should consult with their medical provider regarding participation in activities or athletic events.

C. Protocol for Confirmed Close Contact and Positive Cases:

- ALL indications of positive cases and confirmed close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of time starting two days prior to symptom onset) must come through the South Dakota Department of Health.
- Any Department of Health verified close contact must follow SDDOH guidelines and the Miller School District guidelines.
- Schools must notify the SDHSAA of any verified close contact or positive cases of rostered individuals via the SDHSAA School Zone. No personally identifiable information will be contained in the notification to the SDHSAA. All information will be treated in compliance with HIPAA and FERPA from the member school and the SDHSAA.

D. Phase 4, School is closed, no activities or sports

E. All Phases are required to Practice Good Hygiene

- Athletes, coaches, officials, and staff should wash their hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces. Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating in workouts or contests.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
- All are encouraged to wear face coverings while in public and when social distancing is not possible if cases are on the rise.
- Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times in the weight room to minimize sweat from transmitting onto equipment/surfaces.
- No pre-game and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps in any activity.
- Students must be encouraged to shower and wash their workout clothing immediately upon returning.

Concessions:

Each district is asked to follow the COVID-19: FOOD CONCESSION STAND FOR SCHOOL AND TEMPORARY EVENTS put out by the SD Department of Health.

Head Table:

Only essential workers will be allowed in this area. Managers, statisticians, trainers, etc. must sit in the bleachers to allow for social distancing at the head table.

Bench area or sideline:

Only coaches and athletes will be allowed on the bench or sideline to allow for social distancing (Medical personnel can be an exception on the sideline). Benches will be spread apart as much as possible if cases are on the rise. If there are not enough chairs in the bench area, the extra players must sit in the bleachers behind the bench. Masks for players not playing are recommended but not required if cases are on the rise. All athletes should use hand sanitizer, provided at the head table, before entering and exiting the playing court.

Other Guidelines:

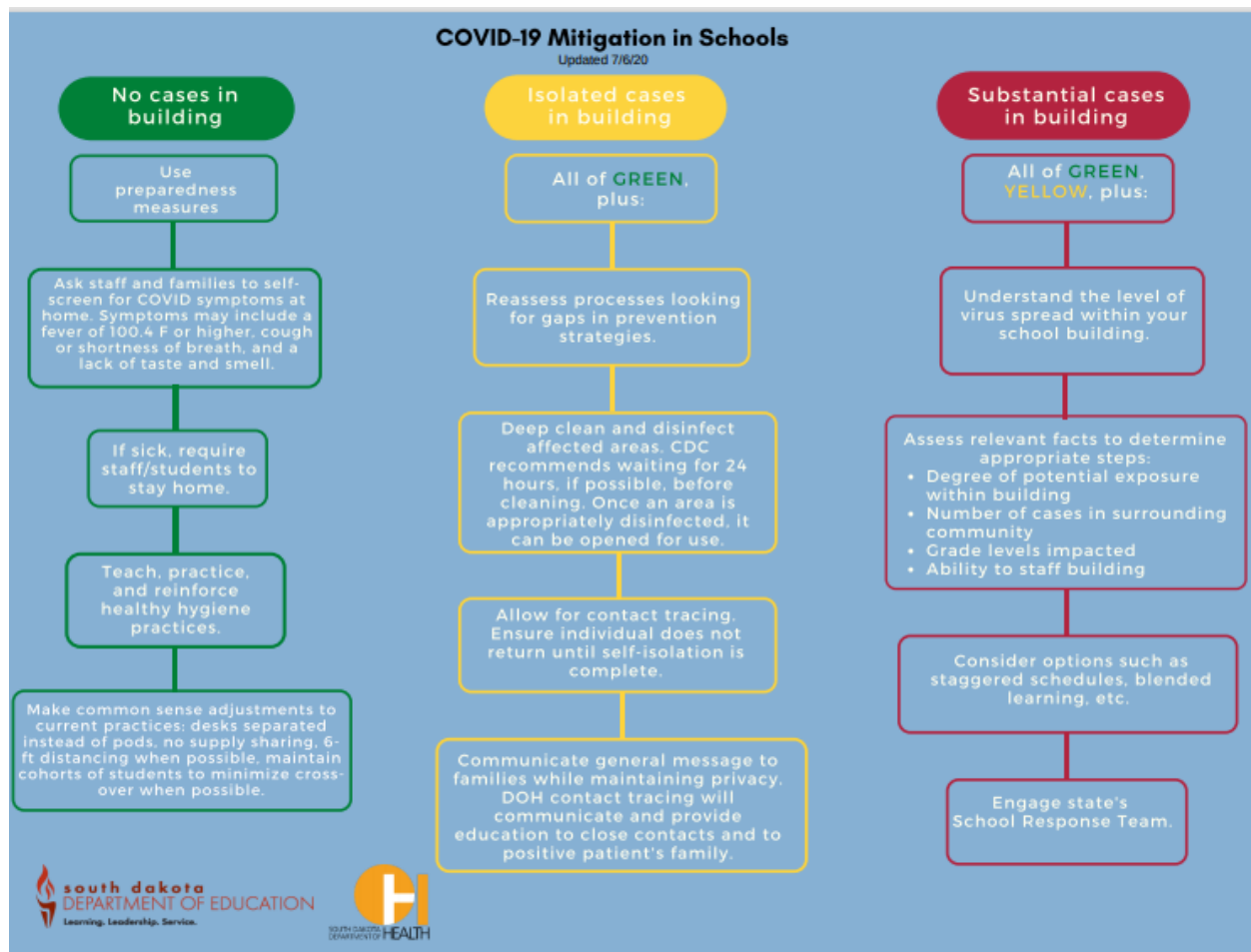
- Guidance regarding social distancing and hygiene will be posted at facility entrances and high traffic areas.
- Encourage and support the use of masks by spectators.
- Spectators at the game will be a local decision. The host school MUST inform the visiting school in advance if any restrictions are in place as early as possible. If schools want to save sections for social distancing, those should be clearly marked and advertised.
- Facility cleaning guidance for the summer should be continued throughout the school year.
- SDHSAA will determine if a contest is a “no contest” or “forfeit”. This will be outlined in the SDHSAA Fall Sports/Activities Task Force Plan.
- Goals for school should be consistent:
 - o Do what is best for ALL kids.
 - o Do what is best to start and end each season.
- Follow in-season modifications outlined by SDHSAA and let visiting schools know of procedures to follow when traveling to the host school at least a day or two in advance.

The Department of Education is partnering with the Department of Health and K-12 school leaders to provide guidance for continuing to keep our school open with daily operations in SY 2021-22, recognizing that schools will need to be flexible and adjust to changing conditions. Special thanks to the K-12 practitioners who are assisting in this process.

STARTING WELL DOCUMENTS:

All documents provided to schools by the SD Department of Education and SD Department of Health. <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/startingwell.aspx>

Reopening Schools Checklist. https://doh.sd.gov/documents/COVID19/Schools_ReopeningChecklist.pdf





COVID-19 GUIDANCE: FOOD CONCESSION STANDS FOR SCHOOLS AND TEMPORARY EVENTS

OPERATIONS:

- Post signage at stand for patrons to maintain social distancing of 6' between parties near food stand
- Maintain a sanitize solution* for wiping cloths during operations and increase cleaning/sanitizing frequencies - especially high-contact surfaces such as equipment, utensils, and countertops
- Discontinue self-service operations for the public such as drink stations, condiment trays, cup/napkin/utensil dispensers and other amenities to help maintain infection control
- Consider the use of fans or open (screened) windows to improve air circulation in smaller indoor stands
- Consider barriers such as Plexiglass between employees and customers if practical

EMPLOYEES:

- STAY HOME if you have or develop symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of taste or smell
- STAY HOME if you have been in close contact with someone who was diagnosed or suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Wear a mask or face covering – this will also help prevent touching hands to the face
- ALWAYS practice effective hand hygiene including washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Use alcohol-based sanitizer (min. 60%) on clean hands - when soap and water is not readily available
- Use gloves or tongs to avoid direct bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods
- Social distance; limit number of employees in confined spaces, keep at least 6 feet between yourself and other staff as best as possible.

*SD DOH approved sanitizing solutions:

Chlorine (5.25% household bleach): Use 1 and ½ teaspoons of bleach per gallon of water

OR

Health Protocols for Schools

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Symptom Screening

Symptoms to look for when screening

The following is a list of symptoms currently associated with COVID-19. This list is subject to change as we learn more about the virus.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Space for Symptomatic Student or Staff Member

The Departments of Health and Education recommend that each school have a separate area where students and staff who begin showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school can wait for someone to pick them up. This area should be separate from the regular nurse's office or area. Upon identification of symptoms source control measures should be taken and a mask should be placed on the symptomatic person. The individual staffing the area should wear appropriate PPE, and social distancing should be strictly practiced. This space or room should be disinfected regularly and after every use. Students who are ill should be walked out of the building to their parents. Any individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms should be directed to contact their healthcare provider.

Recommendations for Return to School

According to current [CDC guidelines](#), a student or staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 can return to school after finishing the recommended time in self-isolation (10 days after symptom onset or a positive test if asymptomatic.) A student or staff member who has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 can return to school after finishing the recommended time in self-quarantine (currently 14 days after exposure).



In addition, students and staff should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and show symptom improvement before returning to school. This precautionary measure applies to any student or staff member with a fever regardless of whether or not they had a positive COVID-19 test result.

STUDENT SYMPTOM SCREENING CHECKLIST

Parents must complete a daily symptom screening check by answering these questions before sending their child to school.

Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with a confirmed case of COVID-19?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have chills or a fever of 100.4 or greater?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have new or worsening cough?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Is your child experiencing fatigue?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have unexplained muscle or body aches?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have a headache (not related to a known health condition i.e. migraines)?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have a sore throat?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Has your child been experiencing nausea or vomiting?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO
Does your child have diarrhea?	<input type="text"/> YES	<input type="text"/> NO

*Based on CDC guidelines from 5-13-20

	If YES to <u>ANY</u> of the questions DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL. Please seek guidance from your medical provider. Contact your school to inform them of your child's symptoms. You may also contact the South Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-592-1861 with questions.
	If NO to <u>ALL</u> questions, go to school.

ISOLATION or QUARANTINE

Isolation and quarantine help protect the public by preventing exposure to people who have or may have a **CONTAGIOUS DISEASE**.

ISOLATION separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

QUARANTINE separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

ISOLATION

Isolation is for people who are **ALREADY SICK**.



Isolation separates and restricts the movement of sick people so they can't spread disease.



Isolation in a home means separating yourself from others in the household.



A sick person isolating at home should seek medical treatment if unable to manage symptoms.



Isolation is usually voluntary, but in a public health emergency, officials have the authority to isolate people who are sick.



Stop isolation only if you've had no fever for at least 24 hours; AND have improved symptoms; AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

QUARANTINE

Quarantine is for people who are **NOT SICK**, but may have been exposed.



Quarantined people may or may not become sick.



Quarantined people must stay at home or another location so they don't unknowingly spread the disease.



If you are quarantined and you become ill, you can seek medical evaluation from a healthcare provider.



Quarantine can be voluntary, but in a public health emergency, officials have the authority to quarantine people who have been exposed to an infectious disease.

NOTE: Critical infrastructure employees with no symptoms may be required to report to work.



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Screening K12 Students/Staff for Symptoms of COVID-19



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Staff/Students: Please complete this short check each morning before leaving for school. This screening checklist can be used at home or if symptoms occur during school.

- School staff who interact with someone who becomes ill at school should use transmission-based precautions when caring for sick people.
- Students/Staff who are sick should not attend school in-person.

Please check for these Symptoms:

- ☐ Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
- ☐ Sore throat;
- ☐ New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- ☐ Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- ☐ New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Please also check for any Exposure:

- ☐ Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19: OR
- ☐ Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting substantial spread of COVID-19 cases;
 - For the latest information on community spread go to <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

ORANGE Symptom Alone =
Exclusion for COVID 19 not
necessary. Follow existing
school policy.

BLUE Exposure + ORANGE Symptom = Any individual displaying
symptoms as well as possible exposure criteria should be directed
to contact their healthcare provider for testing consideration. If
untested, exclude at least 10 days since symptom onset (and 24
hours without fever AND symptoms improved).

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Procedures for Isolating Symptomatic Students or Staff

Revised 8/1/2021

If a student or staff member exhibit symptoms during the school day, follow these recommendations.

Symptoms to look for:

- Temperature of 100.4 or higher;
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing;
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with fever



Additional evaluation for COVID-19 exposure

Assess whether symptomatic student/staff:



- Had close contact (within 6 ft. for at least 15 min.) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting substantial spread of COVID-19 cases;
- For the latest information on community spread go to: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>

Have a separate isolation area

The Departments of Health and Education recommend each school have a separate area for students and staff who begin showing symptoms of COVID-19.

This area should be separate from the regular nurse's office or area.



Evaluate the symptomatic student/staff and take action per protocol

If students/staff are having symptoms alone and no associated exposure events, students/staff should follow current school exclusion policies.



Place a mask on the symptomatic person

Upon identification of symptoms, a mask should be placed on the symptomatic person and symptom control measures should be taken.



Possible COVID-19 Case

Any individual displaying COVID-19 symptoms as well as possible exposure criteria should be directed to contact their healthcare provider to determine whether testing for COVID-19 virus is appropriate.



Use proper protection

The individual staffing the area should wear appropriate protection (face mask, eye protection, gloves, etc.) as recommended by the CDC.



Cleaning & Disinfecting

Clean and disinfect affected areas regularly. CDC recommends waiting for 24 hours after a COVID-19 exposure event, before cleaning. Once an area is appropriately disinfected, it can be reopened for use.

