

Parents need to check for symptoms prior to school start. This includes any of the following: Sore Throat, Cough, Fever, or Flu like Symptoms. Students should be symptom free before returning to school. IF they have any symptoms, please keep them home regardless. We want to ensure all safety precautions are met. Any fever that has not been clear for at least 24 hours without medication will keep the student from school. For example: If Student A has a fever on Monday at 12:00 pm student goes home. That student cannot be back on Tuesday. If the student wakes up Tuesday with no fever, doesn't take any medication and remains fever free until Wednesday, that student may return to school. Parents should go through the following checklists.

- Does my Child have a fever (over 100.4) : Yes or No
- Cough: Yes or No
- Shortness of breath Yes or No
- Chills Yes or No
- Fatigue Yes or No
- Muscle and Body Aches Yes or No
- Headache Yes or No
- Sore Throat Yes or No
- New loss of Taste or Smell Yes or No
- Congestion or Runny Nose Yes or No
- Nausea Yes or No
- Vomiting Yes or No
- Diarrhea Yes or No
- Outside of the school/work environment have you had close contact with or cared for someone diagnosed with Covid 19? Yes or No
- Close contact is defined as being within approximately 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for cumulative 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour time period.

If the answer is yes to any of the above screening questions please stay home, contact your doctor to discuss symptoms. (We understand there must be flexibility, but please use common sense.)

Student OR staff test positive for COVID-19

- Student/staff member must be in isolation for 10 days after their first symptom or from the test date if asymptomatic **AND**
- **MUST** be fever-free for 24 hours (without aid of fever reducing medication) **AND**
- **MUST** have improvement in symptoms.
- Once these conditions are met, they will be released by the South Dakota Department of Health.
- Students that are placed in isolation by the SD DOH, will be treated the same as other extended absences due to illness would be. Students will be expected to make up her/his work with their classroom teacher and/or be available by Teams for 5-12 grade.
- Classroom teachers will continue to record their daily lessons to help those that are absent due to any illness or isolation.

2. Student OR staff are deemed a close contact to a COVID-19 positive person AND

- Student/staff member was wearing mask and COVID-19 positive person was wearing a mask **AND**
- Is symptom free **THEN**
- Staff/student will quarantine at home for 72 hours and **THEN**
- Can return to school if still symptom free.
- Student/staff member will be monitored at school including temperature checks upon arrival, before lunch and mid-afternoon.
- We ask that parent, guardian, student, and/or staff member self-monitor conditions as well.
- Students/staff members will not be penalized if they choose to quarantine the full 10 days per SD DOH recommendation.
- If student/staff member develops **ANY** symptom (fever, dry cough, tiredness, aches & pains, sore throat, headache, loss of taste or smell) within 14 days of last exposure to positive person, they will be sent home to complete quarantine **BUT** will be expected to isolate for 10 days after first symptom **OR** will be required to be tested for COVID-19.
- Students that are placed in quarantine by the SD DOH, will be treated the same as other extended absences due to illness would be. Students will be expected to make up her/his work with their classroom teacher.
- Classroom teachers will continue to record their daily lessons to help those that are absent due to any illness or quarantine and/or be available by Teams for 5-12 grade.

3. Student OR staff are deemed a close-contact to a COVID-19 positive person AND

- One person, positive or close contact to positive, was **NOT** wearing a mask **OR**
- Both were not wearing a mask **OR**
- The positive case originated outside of the school **THEN**
- Both student/staff members **MUST** follow **SD DOH** guidelines and recommendations for a quarantine period of up to 10 days as long as they stay asymptomatic.

After 5 days of no symptoms, the student/staff could take a quick test. If the test comes back negative, they can return after their seventh day of quarantine.

- If students/staff do not test, then they have to complete 10 days of quarantine. Students that are placed in quarantine by the SD DOH, will be treated the same as other extended absences due to illness would be. Students will be expected to make up her/his work with their classroom teacher and/or be available by Teams for 5-12 grade.

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