

RESTART PLAN:

A GUIDE TO THE CHALLENGES OF COVID - 19



2022-2023

MILLER SCHOOL DISTRICT

MILLER, SD

This draft is the result of the ongoing information from the CDC, DOE, DOH and the Miller School District COVID Task Force. 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. Faculty and staff are supported and given every opportunity to protect themselves and the children that they teach.

Restart Plan for the 2022- 2023 school year will include face-to-face learning. Faculty, staff and students will continue to be supported for a safe learning environment. The district is welcoming public comment.

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. 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.
- 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 exhibits symptoms.
- Monitor positive COVID-19 and its spread in the school community.

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

Miller Schools will have students that test positive for Covid remain home from first symptoms or first positive test for 5 days and cessation of all symptoms for at least 24 hours. Students will be advised of Covid protocols and expected to continue to do what is necessary to limit the spread of Covid.

Miller schools will have binex testing supplies if a student would like to be tested for Covid-19.

Activities and Sports:

Student athletes that test positive for Covid will remain home for five days and a cessation of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to practice or play.

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.

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.

Other Guidelines:

- Guidance regarding social distancing and hygiene will be posted at facility entrances and high traffic areas.
- 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.

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

Bus Guidelines. https://doh.sd.gov/documents/COVID19/Schools_BusGuidelines.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

Prepared by the South Dakota Department of Health - Revised July 22, 2020



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="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have chills or a fever of 100.4 or greater?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have new or worsening cough?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Is your child experiencing fatigue?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have unexplained muscle or body aches?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have a headache (not related to a known health condition i.e. migraines)?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have a sore throat?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Has your child been experiencing nausea or vomiting?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Does your child have diarrhea?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

*Based on CDC guidelines from 5-13-20

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>If NO to <u>ALL</u> questions, go to school.</p>

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).

Procedures for Isolating Symptomatic Students or Staff

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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.

