

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We have been informed that a student or staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19. We are alerting parents to be watchful for children with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 illness during the next 14 days. The Department of Health will investigate the situation, and you will be notified if your child is identified as a close contact to the COVID-19 case.

Symptoms to watch for include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

The COVID-19 virus is spread from person-to-person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Spread is more likely to occur when people are in close contact with one another.

**If your child develops symptoms of any contagious disease**, including COVID-19, do not send him/her to school. If a healthcare provider is contacted, follow all directions on care and testing.

If you take your child to a healthcare provider for COVID-19 evaluation, please bring this letter with you. For more information on COVID-19, visit <https://covid.sd.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Joel Jorgenson