

Beresford School District Illness/Injury/COVID-19 Protocol

This Illness/Injury/COVID-19 Protocol will outline the expectations of when a student can return to school after an illness or injury, and/or when the school district will be sending a student home. These guidelines have been carefully considered to address and promote the safety, health, and welfare of not only our students and staff, but also our Beresford community. These procedures are subject to change in accordance with recommendations from the South Dakota Department of Health, the CDC, Beresford School policies, and documentation in the Student Handbooks. ***Our School District's goal is to keep students and staff healthy so in-person learning can continue!***

COVID-19 Protocol

*If a **student has tested positive for COVID-19**, the student must isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days. They must be fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications, and have improved symptoms prior to returning to school. A copy of the Department of Health's letter will need to be provided to the school prior to their returning.

*If a **student-athlete has tested positive for COVID-19**, they must also acquire a SDHSAA Return to Play form. This form is to be completed by the student-athlete's physician. There may be a timeline and progression of participation depending on the student's severity of symptoms and their physician's recommendations.

*If a student is notified by the South Dakota Department of Health to quarantine due to a **close contact exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 positive case outside of school**, a note from the Department of Health with the end quarantine date will need to be provided to the school once you receive it. Students may return to school after 3 days in quarantine if: a) they have shown no symptoms; b) continue to monitor for symptoms, and c) properly wear a face covering/mask until the full quarantine has expired. See District's Close Contact Practices.

*If a student's family member is awaiting COVID-19 test results, the student may be present at school, providing they are properly wearing a face covering/mask. If a **family member's COVID-19 test is positive**, the student is required to go home and quarantine for the allocated time frame determined by the Department of Health. An end of quarantine letter from the Department of Health is required for their return to school. See District's Close Contact Practices.

*If a student is traveling outside of the country, they will need to quarantine for 2 weeks prior to returning to school, and be symptom-free.

Illness/Injury Protocol

Keep your child home if they are sick, and notify their primary care physician of any of these symptoms:

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

* Your child must be fever free (less than 99.5 degrees) without the use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours.

* Your child must stay home if vomiting, has diarrhea, or severe nausea. They must be able to tolerate a normal diet upon return.

*Infectious Diseases, (i.e. impetigo, strep throat, etc.) require a visit to a medical provider. If an antibiotic is prescribed, it must be taken for 24 hours prior to the return to school.

*Rashes or patches of dry, broken skin will need to be examined prior to their return to school.

*If your child has an injury causing continuous discomfort, and the injury will interfere with class participation and concentration, the student should seek medical attention prior to returning to school.

*Extreme fatigue should be evaluated by a health care provider.

If your child is in school and displays any of the above symptoms, you will be notified and your child will be sent home.

*A note from your child's primary care physician and/or a negative COVID-19 test result, (if a test is deemed appropriate by your child's physician), is required prior to their return to school. If your child has a negative COVID-19 test result but continued symptoms, they will be required to wear a mask while at school until symptoms have subsided.

*Rapid COVID-19 tests are available for students who exhibit symptoms while at school. Parental consent is required for this testing.