MILBANK SCHOOL DISTRICT 25-4

RETURN-TO-SCHOOL PLAN

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Milbank School District 25-4 will follow guidelines from the South Dakota Department of Health when developing and implementing return to school plans.

All plans in this document are subject to change based upon guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health, South Dakota Department of Education, and updates approved by the Milbank School Board.

Milbank School District Protocol for Covid-19

- The following procedures and protocols will be implemented during the 2021-2022 School year in order to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in our school district.

- We encourage families to vaccinate students based on current CDC guidance but will not be requiring Covid-19 vaccinations.
    - Current guidance provides for all student 12 years and older to receive a vaccination.

Student and Staff Daily Procedures and Protocols

- Masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) may be worn at the discretion of parents or students. ○ Any student or staff that becomes symptomatic during the school day will be required to put a mask on and will be sent home.
- **We highly encourage parents to screen their children before sending them to school.**
    - Please see the "Student Symptom Checker" or "CDC Daily Checker"
- Students with a temperature of 100 or higher will need to be isolated and parents will be expected to pick them up from school.
- Students will not be allowed into the school until 7:30, it is preferred students arrive at 8:00.
- Hand washing/sanitization stations ○ Each classroom will have hand sanitization stations and students are encouraged to sanitize their hands often.
    - Proper hand washing techniques will be reviewed with students, and we encourage students to wash their hands as often as possible.

School Facilities

- School facilities and classrooms will receive extra cleaning and disinfecting.
- The school district will be limiting unnecessary visitors into the school building.

Bussing Procedures

- Due to space limitations on our busses, we will be unable to properly social distance students on the bus. *We encourage parents to bring students to and from school whenever possible.*
- Bus seats and high touch areas will be cleaned before and after each route.
- We highly encourage mask usage on the bus

Quarantine Protocols

- Students testing positive for Covid-19:
    - Student must follow the CDC and DOH 10-day isolation requirement.
    - Only students with a verified positive Covid-19 Test will be allowed to remote learn.
- Students identified as a close contact to a confirmed positive test for Covid-19.
    - ~~Contract tracing will be completed, and parents will be notified of possible exposure.~~
    - ~~Students will not be required to quarantine unless they become symptomatic.~~
    - Students deemed to be in close contact with a confirmed positive case will be asked to quarantine for a period of 7 days and may return if no symptoms occur.

    - Students wearing a mask during the time of exposure will be allowed to stay in school.
    - Vaccinated students will also be allowed to stay in school. (8.30.21)
- Quarantine Protocols may be adjusted as necessary to meet any unforeseen issues with Covid-19 spread.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

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Note: All protocols are subject to change based on the current South Dakota Department of Health and CDC guidance/considerations.