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## Safe Return to In Person Instruction Plan

### Transportation

- 1) Students will sit by household on the bus. Fill from back to front for the morning bus route.
- 2) Students will hand sanitize prior to getting on bus.
- 3) Masks will be available on the bus for those who don't have one.
- 4) Buses sanitized after each route.

### Masks/Respiratory etiquette

Masks are required when social distancing is not possible. The district will follow SD DOH and CDC guidelines regarding masking. When masking, the nose and mouth will be covered. If masks are not required, students and staff will be advised to cough/sneeze into the crook of their arm or into their shirt.

### Signage

- 1) Floor stickers to help with distancing (meal line, entry, water bottle fillers, activities)
- 2) Stickers on all mirrors regarding handwashing.

### Visitors

- 1) Parents are limited to office.
- 2) Visitors not allowed in building without prior permission from administration.
- 3) Vendors are limited to non-student areas.

### Hand Sanitizer/hand washing

- 1) Hand sanitizers in every room, entrance, bathrooms and common areas. Portable hand sanitizer stations are used for activities.
- 2) Elementary –hand washing breaks are built into the schedule.
- 3) Students sanitize prior to entering classroom, prior to getting on bus, in the meal line.

### Water fountains

- 1) Water bottle fillers are turned on, but water fountains are turned off.
- 2) District will use ESSR funds to purchase water bottles for students which will be labeled and left at school and sanitized on a regular basis.

### Bathroom breaks/Passing Times in Hallway

- 1) Scheduled times for elementary classes to use bathrooms in order to decrease the number of students in the bathroom at one time.
- 2) Middle and High school passing times have been staggered in order to decrease the number of students in the hallway at one time.

### Learning Loss

- 1) Students will have the opportunity to participate in the After School Program and after school tutoring services to aid their learning, Saturday school and summer school opportunities.
- 2) Intervention teachers will be working with students to address learning loss.
- 3) A PBIS/MTSS staff person will be available to work with students.

### Art, PE, vocal, band, library computer labs

- 1) PE will be outside as much as possible. No locker rooms will be used.
- 2) Use of both gyms/stage to create physical distance.
- 3) Elementary art in the regular classroom. Middle and high school classes are smaller sizes so they can be in the art classroom.
- 4) Library materials are sanitized between use (books, magazines).

5)Computer labs – sanitized between classes

### **Meals**

- 1)Tables are spread out as much as possible. Seats are blocked off on tables to create physical distance.
- 2)Meal times are staggered.
- 3)Staff serve salad bar and hand out milk.
- 4)Point of service attendee inputs student meal numbers.

### **Recess**

- 1)Recess time is staggered.

### **Small groups (sped services)**

- 1)Speech therapists wear face shields.
- 2)Plexiglass partitions are used.

### **Classrooms**

- 1)Create as much physical space as possible. Teachers may have to eliminate some equipment/supplies from their rooms in order to create more space. Plexiglass barriers are in place on shared table spaces.

### **Surface Cleaning**

- 1)Student desks sanitized at the end of each day.
- 2)Commonly touched surfaces are sanitized throughout the day.
- 3)Hand sanitizer is placed in commonly shared spaces.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

- 1)The district will follow any recommendations made by SDHSAA.
- 2)Athletes will be temp checked each day and wear masks on busses.

### **Nurse Station**

- 1)Students who are presenting symptoms are isolated until they can go home. Cot/area is sanitized after each uses.
- 2)Plexiglass barriers are in use.

### **Principal offices**

- 1)Plexiglass barriers are in use.

### **Air Quality**

- 1)The district is proposing to install electro-magnetic lighting in HVAC system to eliminate germs.

### **Open House**

- 1)Encourage on-line registration
- 2)Offer opportunities to register face-to-face by appointment a couple of days prior to school starting
- 3)If we do have open house, no food will be served.

### **Fitness Center**

- 1)The district will continue to only allow the public to use the fitness center during non-school hours.

### **Contact Tracing/Quarantine/Isolation**

- 1)A cooperative effort by the school nurse, principals and superintendent. Superintendent is point of contact for Department of Health.
- 2)The district will follow the South Dakota Department of Health's recommendations regarding quarantine and isolation of positive cases.

### **Covid testing**

- 1)The district will participate in diagnostic testing of symptomatic individuals.
- 2)The district will have QuickVue tests available for staff and student to use at home.

### **Vaccinations**

- 1)The district provided time during February and March of 2021 for staff to be vaccinated by the Indian Health Service.
- 2)The district allow Indian Health Services to use the building to administer vaccines to students age 12+. The first clinic was July 30, 2021 with the second clinic to be held Aug. 20.

### **Remote Learning – entire district**

In the event that the district must utilize remote the following events will occur:

- 1)Middle school laptops will be made available to students. Parents can either pick up or the district will deliver.
- 2)Elementary packets will be created and delivered/picked up by staff.
- 2)Meals will continued to be served. The meals will be delivered to homes in order to decrease the chance of contact in groups.
- 3)The PBIS/MTSS coordinator and Cultural Liaison will perform check in/check out with students who appear to have difficulty with non-academic needs.

### **Remote Learning – per student**

Only students who are in isolation/quarantine will be allowed to learn remotely. An exception may be made for a student who has been successful in remote learning and or who has a compromised immune system or lives with a person with a compromised immune system and this compromise is verified by a medical professional.

### **Learning Loss**

Three intervention teachers have been hired to help address student learning loss. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in after school tutoring, Saturday school and summer school. Teachers will be partnered with students for a check in /check out process.

### **Social and Emotional Needs**

- 1)The school psychologist, school counselor, PBIS/MTSS coordinator, and Lewis and Clark counselor continue to meet with students. In the event of remote/hybrid this will continue either via distance or as one-on-one sessions.
- 2)Links to emotional health resources are posted on the website under the areas for staff, parents and students.

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