

Back to School Plan 2023– 2024

Madison Central School District Families,

As we prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, we are making major changes to our required Back-to-School Plan. The public health emergency ended on May 11, 2023; however, schools are still required to have a plan in place through September 2024. The following changes will now be part of our plan for 2023-2024. (Please note we have eliminated the majority of the previous plan. Many of the items that remain are requirements)

The School District:

- Encourage physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, increased sanitation, face coverings, staggering class release times, hallway flow directed, adjusting lunchtime and seating, and recess modifications.
 - [How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask](#)
- Monitor for student illness and isolate and contact parent/guardian immediately
- As with any community health concern, we will monitor and take recommendations from Madison Regional Health System and from the SD Department of Health and Education
- K-12 After school help provided for students needing additional academic support
- Counselors available for K-12 students
- Provide information on community counseling services for students and staff - 605-256-9656
- Provide contact information on vaccination availability through [Madison Regional Health System](#) – 605-256-6551

Parents/Guardians:

- Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough or flu symptoms and have them return only when there has been a time of 24 hours with no temperature and no medication (Timeframe may change and will follow CDC/SDDOH guidelines)

Food Service:

- Food service workers and lunch supervisors will sanitize tables in between groups
- Students will have touchless scanner cards in MS & HS
- Food service will have a scanner sheet for each elementary class
- Hand sanitizer will be in place for students prior to entering the food service area
- Hand sanitizer will be in place for students leaving the food service area
- Administration determination of limited outside visitors/guests

Technology:

- All paperwork signed at the beginning of the school year

General Cleaning of Facilities:

- Additional touchless hand sanitizer stations in all buildings
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers in all buildings
- Disinfecting wipes for all buildings
- 4 handheld ionizer sanitizers and 2 backpack ionizer sanitizers
- Precautionary Covid-19 signage for all facilities
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting Our Facility](#)

Building Mitigation:

- Administration determination of limited outside access to facilities
- Social distance, hand washing signage
 - [Wash Your Hands Poster](#)
- Proper cough covering
 - [Cover Your Cough Poster](#)
- No usage of water fountains
- Bottle Filling Stations are available in all buildings
- Students and staff encouraged to bring a water bottle (Refillable at bottle filler stations)
 - [How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask](#)
- Touchless thermometers in all buildings
- Designated area in each building for students or staff showing signs of fever or related symptoms

Communication:

- Continual communication as we move through the school year
- Communication with parents when a student has a temp or related symptoms and needs to be picked up – DOH protocols
- Partnership needed with families to self-check before school each day
- Require any student or staff member who goes home with a temp of the mandatory 24-hour period of no fever with no medication before they are allowed back (Following any changes in CDC/SDDOH guidelines) – if a positive case the length of time will be determined by the most recent guidelines from the SDDOH, CDC and MRHS
- Contact person – Supt. Joel Jorgenson – 605-256-7700

Test Positive for COVID-19

- Isolate for 5 days. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms
- If they continue to have fever or other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, they should wait to end isolation until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved.

Thank you,

Madison Central Board of Education & Administration

Tentative Plan Review Schedule:

November 2023 Board Meeting

May 2024 Board Meeting