



Oglala Lakota County School District 2020-2021 Plan

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Based on parent feedback and in coordination with the OST Tribal Ordinance 20-18: Shelter in Place COVID-19 Health Order, all OLCSD schools will be providing instruction for all students through online/distance learning education until further notice.

Background

The purpose of the Oglala Lakota County School District (OLCSD) 2020-2021 Plan is to identify and respond to Covid-19 related measures within the district's schools and district office.

OLCSD 2020-2021 Plan outlines the expectations of staff/faculty; roles and responsibilities; internal and external communications; and references defined by local, tribal, state, and federal entities.

Definition

Coronavirus COVID-19: On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced the official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of the disease is coronavirus disease in 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona', 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease.

Precautions - What we will do as school and district personnel:

- Reduce the risk and spread by encouraging physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, sanitization, wearing masks, hallway flow plans, adjusting lunch procedures, recess modifications and spacing of students in classrooms and buses.
- Be aware of illness/symptoms in the student body and contact a student's family immediately if a student exhibits symptoms.
- Monitor positive COVID-19 cases and its spread in the Oglala Lakota County School District and follow — as we would with any community health concern — the recommendation of health department officials regarding school closures, modified school schedules or in-school adjustments.
- Continue to refine our digital curriculum to meet the needs of distance learning, while preparing for hybrid and face to face instruction when possible.
- Modify our method of delivery, however necessary, to ensure the health and well-being of students and staff.

Preparedness and prevention guidance

The South Dakota Department of Health issued the information below regarding COVID-19. Common Symptoms: Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath. It takes 2 to 14 days after a person gets the virus in their body to become ill.

How it is spread:

- Most often, it is spread from person-to-person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how flu and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. It’s currently unclear if a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or their eyes. Often, with most respiratory viruses, people are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

Students, staff, and volunteers should seek medical evaluation for COVID-19:

- Sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing;
- Sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing AND
 - Have been identified by public health officials as a recent close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case; or
 - Have had recent close contact with someone who is being evaluated for COVID-19 infection.

Staff who may have had close contact but have not received a letter from the state, and are not sick, should notify their supervisor and work out a temporary work area that is applicable to their position with as little contact to others as possible for 14 days.

In the event, OLCSD is notified prior to the Department of Health or Tribe, OLCSD will initiate a call/email so contact tracing can proceed.

CLOSE CONTACT	POSITIVE TEST
<p>CLOSE CONTACT Defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset. A Department of Health representative or Tribal Representative will contact all persons identified as close contacts (or the guardian if the contact is a minor). Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any staff notified as a Close Contact will need to quarantine for 14 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay Home 	<p>POSITIVE COVID19 Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any staff confirmed with COVID19 virus should follow the guidance of the doctor or health professional ● Staff will need to communicate their status to their supervisor as soon as possible/within 24 hours and follow up with the Department of Health letter or Tribal Representative letter. ● Staff will need to remain home until a negative test is confirmed with a

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avoid Contact with others ○ Not share household items ○ Monitor symptoms daily ○ Work remotely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Instruction continues ■ Non-instructional staff will be assigned to make calls to parents/guardians each day. <p>Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any staff notified as a Close Contact will need to quarantine for 14 days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stay Home ○ Avoid Contact with others ○ Not share household items ○ Monitor symptoms daily ○ Distance Learning 	<p>doctor and a doctor return to work document is given to the supervisor which should also include the release letter from the Department of Health or Tribal Representative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 14 days administrative leave will be given upon submission of the documentation with additional days determined by the Department of Health, Physician, and/or situation. <p>Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Any student confirmed with COVID19 virus should follow the guidance of the doctor or health professional ● Guardians will need to communicate the status to the school principal as soon as possible/within 24 hours by phone. ● Students will need to remain home until a negative test is confirmed with a doctor. A return to school document from the doctor and Department of Health or Tribal Representative will need to be given to the principal.
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Essential Services

OLCSD's 2020-2021 plan is designed to insure little to no interruption of essential services such as academic instruction, technology services, student feeding/food distribution, facility construction, facility cleaning and district and school maintenance.

Essential Employees

The employees of Oglala Lakota County School District are identified as Essential Employees within the OLCSD 2020-2021 plan.

The Essential Employee list will be given to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Essential Employee Placards will be given to employees to continue their designated work in their school or work site.

Employee Recommendations:

- Face-coverings REQUIRED under the following conditions:
 - 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained
 - Close proximity is longer than 15 minutes
 - Interacting with a sick individual
 - Any condition that may cause concern
- Health Screening and temperature check completed at home
 - Early notification to OLCSD Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage

- Health Screening and temperature check completed upon entry and exit from school site.
- Employees that carpool are to use a mask in the carpool to minimize close contact spreading of the virus.

Instructional Delivery

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS	SCHOOL OPEN WITH STUDENTS
<p>Recommendation by School District School Board, OST Tribe, and the State of South Dakota based on current conditions, ordinances, and guidance.</p> <p>Distance Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All staff report to building sites and follow COVID19 Plan. ● Instructional Delivery will be through Distance Learning to include both online and paper packets. ● Students will not return to school except for individual needs related to their mental health or individualized plan. 	<p>Return to School to include Face to Face and Hybrid options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distance Learning. ● Hybrid to be determined by either flex days (Monday & Wednesday; Tuesday & Thursday) and distance learning or ½ days and distance learning. ● Full return to school.

Distance Learning is available through the district website at www.olcsd.com

Parents and students will be able to access the teacher page for directions on how to use distance learning options including Google Classroom and curriculums for math, reading, science, social studies, Lakota, PE, and CTE courses. Student attendance will be taken daily, and students will be required to engage in online work, discussions, and homework submissions. Phone calls will be made by the school to parents/guardians of students who are not engaging in the online work.

For families who would rather have packets, those will be delivered and picked up daily so students can stay current on assignments. Phone calls will be made by the schools to the parents/guardians of students not participating in the packet work. Daily submissions will count as attendance each day.

- Parents are encouraged to continue as much education in the home as possible by providing books for children to read while at home.
- Parents will be encouraged to reinforce the homework in the packets that include library books for students to read at home.

Grading and Attendance

Oglala Lakota County School District uses trimesters for elementary grading purposes and quarters and semesters for high school grading. Report card grades for students will be based on student submission of work either through paper packets or electronic submission.

Technology

OLCSD will work to deploy electronic notebooks (iPads or Chromebooks) in phases to students' availability to the internet.

Special Education Services

Oglala Lakota County Schools has a plan for special education services. This plan outlines how special and related services can be provided. The primary consideration is health and safety for students and school staff. As there is no single service delivery method that will meet the needs of every student, we have employed a variety of different service delivery options. Parents will receive a letter outlining service options. IEP Meetings will be held and State and Federal requirements will continue using technology resources.

Counseling Services

Students who routinely receive Counseling services will still be able to visit with their school counselor while school is out of session via the phone or zoom. Parents may sign a counseling form for 1:1 services at the school. All efforts will be made to ensure services continue while students are home-bound.

School Facilities

Disinfection and sanitation: In an effort to prevent and/or reduce the spread of COVID-19, the OLCSD has and continues to use disinfectants and sanitizers to kill viruses. In the event of a positive case within a facility, the facility will be closed for additional disinfection and sanitation. Staff and students will work remotely during the closure and resume when completed. The timeline for the closure will be dependent upon the facility size, areas of risk, and custodial staff availability. Meals will not be delivered while the school is closed for disinfection and sanitation.

FACILITY OPEN WITH STAFF ONLY	FACILITY OPEN WITH STUDENTS
<p>STAFF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face-coverings REQUIRED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained. ○ Close proximity is longer than 15 minutes. ○ Interacting with a sick individual. 	<p>STAFF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face-coverings REQUIRED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained. ○ Close proximity is longer than 15 minutes. ○ Interacting with a sick individual.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any condition that may cause concern. ● Health Screening and temperature check completed at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early notification to OLCSD Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage. ● Health Screening and temperature check completed upon entry and exit from school site. <p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not applicable, utilizing distance learning during closure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any condition that may cause concern. ● Health Screening and temperature check completed at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early notification to OLCSD Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage. ● Health Screening and temperature check completed upon entry and exit from school site. <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face-coverings will be provided and will be HIGHLY ENCOURAGED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained. ○ Close proximity is longer than 15 minutes. ○ Interacting with a sick individual. ○ Any condition that may cause concern. ● Temperature checks conducted before entering bus or school and upon exiting the school. ● Temperatures greater than 100.3 will be sent home through the nurse/health office.
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Update and Revisions to the OLCSD 2020-21 Plan

The OLCSD 2020-021 Plan will be updated with new guidance as it becomes available from the OST Tribe, SD Department of Health, and SD Department of Education. This includes the dissemination of any news releases related to the COVID-19 virus.

What families can do:

- Understand that these guidelines are determined by health, educational and civic professionals commissioned to care for your child, considering the physical environment, time spent in school, and the potential risk to the health of our students, staff and families.
- Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough, cold or flu symptoms, and have them return only when these symptoms have subsided.
- Create a family plan in case your child is sent home from school due to high temperature or is required to be quarantined or isolated.
- Talk to your child about changes they may notice at school, reinforcing that these measures are in place to preserve their health, and the health of those around them.

- Send your child to school with a mask if possible and encourage them to wear it.
- Prepare as much as possible to adapt to change. As evidenced this past spring, things evolve quickly, and schedule modifications and/or closures may be necessary.
- Recognize you can choose traditional face-to-face school or a home-based distance/online options and, as always, we are happy to assist you with your child's educational needs.
- Know that you as a guardian and parent have the right to keep your child home at any time as you assess risk as it relates to your family.

Precautions to avoid illness guidance:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Refraining from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness, such as older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease, should take action to reduce your risk of exposure.
- Create a family plan to prepare for COVID-19 and develop a stay at home kit with food, water, medication, and other necessary items.

If you develop symptoms:

- Call your health care provider immediately and tell them about any recent travel or exposure.
- Individuals who are concerned that they have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider via phone before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spread in healthcare facilities.
- Avoid contact with other people.
- Follow the directions of your provider and public health officials.

Website Resources

- South Dakota Department of Health COVID-19
[Coronavirus updates and information](#)
- OST Tribal Ordinance 20-18: Shelter in Place COVID-19 Health Order and addendums
[OST 20-18 Shelter In Place Ordinance](#)
- CDC K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
[COVID-19: K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs](#)
- Hillyard COVID-19 Resources
[Hillyard.com THE Cleaning Resource COVID19](#)

Paper Resources

- Fact Sheets, Handouts, and Poster Resources will be available in all facilities.

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