

Gregory School District

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PLAN: 2022-2023

The Gregory School District will continue to work in collaboration with local, regional, state, and national resources throughout the school year to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. Protocols and procedures may change quickly as conditions warrant. We will follow the most recent CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine timelines.

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General Guidelines

- The District encourages physical distancing throughout the school day and school activities.
- Frequent handwashing throughout the day, before and after eating, and after using shared equipment is recommended.
- Water bottles are highly recommended. Filling stations are available in every building.
- COVID-related extended absences will be addressed individually based on students' specific situations.
- Facilities will be regularly cleaned and maintained in accordance with guidelines set forth by the CDC.

Notification Process

When a positive case is identified in the building, those identified as close contacts will be notified. Student privacy will be of the utmost importance. If a staff member is identified as positive, the students in the classroom will be notified if considered a close contact.

The district will work closely with the DOH and review recommended CDC guidelines regularly and see how those fit with the Gregory School District. DOH will be utilized when necessary and use them as guidance in determining issues moving forward.

Safety & Well-Being Considerations

- Staff and students should stay home while exhibiting symptoms of illness. It is recommended the symptomatic individual consult his/her healthcare provider for testing, guidance, and care.

- Families are encouraged to watch for symptoms at home.
- Staff members and students deemed to be close contacts outside of school through contact tracing completed by the South Dakota Department of Health, or who test positive for COVID, may be excluded from school in accordance with state guidelines. The Gregory School District will not perform internal contact tracing procedures beyond that completed by the Department of Health.
- It is recommended individuals eligible for the COVID vaccine consult their healthcare provider for questions and guidance.
- If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, please notify your school.

Face Coverings

- Face masks will be available.
- Any students entering the school district office who are exhibiting symptoms of illness will be required to wear a face covering.

Safety & Well-Being

The safety of our employees and students is our first priority. Facilities are cleaned and maintained in accordance with guidelines set forth by the CDC. The district is committed to protecting students and staff in order to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

The Gregory School District counseling office is committed to providing counseling opportunities for all students and staff. The school counseling staff, in addition to classroom teachers, will

provide counseling sessions, educational information and resources to promote emotional health. Collaboration with students, families, teaching staff and outside resources will continue to be an integral part of the process. To address the individual needs of each student and staff member, school staff will continue to work with these resources to identify essential services that can be provided both, directly and indirectly, when on the school campus.

Daily Practices/Food Services

To assist us in promoting safety for all, please encourage the following:

- Proper handwashing and other hygiene practices
- A water bottle for personal use (water filling stations will be available)
- No sharing of snacks or treats

In addition to general safety practices, the district will:

- Provide additional distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Provide hand sanitizer
- Prop doors when possible
- Enhanced cleaning protocols
- Provide training for all staff for effective and safe practices
- Establish district-wide protocols for cleaning and disinfecting school facilities and equipment

Transportation

- Transportation will be provided for all students, however, it will be considered “ride at your own risk” due to the fact that minimum distancing cannot occur on our busses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available.
- District transportation will be disinfected daily.

Child Nutrition

- Food will be served in accordance with the state and federal safety guidelines.

Academics

- For students experiencing extenuating circumstances with regard to health, District officials will work on a case-by-case basis to ensure continuity of services.

Communication

To stay current on the most up-to-date district information, please make sure your contact information on Infinite Campus Parent Portal is correct. If it is not correct, please contact ashley.lozano@k12.sd.us or call 605-835-9651 to update your information. Updated information will be communicated through district messaging systems, our website, and social media platforms.

Stake-Holder Input and Public Comment

Reviewing schedule, at regularly scheduled school board meetings:

- December 2021
- June 2022
- December 2022
- June 2023

We strive to utilize a “common sense” approach in developing and revising this plan to best fit the needs of the Gregory School District.