

Notification of a Positive COVID-19 Case

When staff, parents, and/or the South Dakota Department of Health notify the school of a positive COVID case, the SD DOH and designated district personnel will conduct the close contact tracing.

The district will use social distancing, use of facial coverings/masks, and duration of close contact time, in determining whether an individual is considered a potential close contact.

Students will not be identified as a close contact if they were able to socially distance (6 feet away and/or less than 15 minutes) and/or properly wore a facial covering/mask during the time of close contact in school, on the school bus, or at school activities (participant/spectator), and will not be subject to quarantine.

Close Contacts in School

Students will be identified as a close contact if they were not able to socially distance and/or did not wear or improperly wore a facial covering/mask during the time of close contact in school, on the school bus, or at school activities (participant/spectator), and will be subject to the 14-day quarantine.

- Parents who would like their child to return to school earlier than the 14-day quarantine:
 - After 5 days in quarantine, their child must have shown no COVID symptoms (remain asymptomatic) to return to school, continue to monitor for symptoms, and will be required to properly wear a facial covering/mask in school, on the school bus, and at school activities (participant/spectator), until the full quarantine has expired.
 - Students who elect not to wear a facial covering/mask in school, on the school bus, and at school activities (participant/spectator) after 5 days in quarantine, will be required to stay home from school for the duration of the 14-day quarantine.

Close Contacts Outside of School

Contact tracing for cases outside of school will continue to be handled by the SD DOH. Students determined to be close contacts outside of school will be subject to the 14-day quarantine.

- Parents who would like their child to return to school earlier than the 14-day quarantine:
 - After 5 days in quarantine, their child must have shown no COVID symptoms (remain asymptomatic) to return to school, continue to monitor for symptoms, and will be required to properly wear a facial covering/mask in school, on the school bus, and at school activities (participant/spectator), until the full quarantine has expired.
 - Students who elect not to wear a facial covering/mask in school, on the school bus, and at school activities (participant/spectator) after 5 days in quarantine, will be required to stay home from school for the duration of the 14-day quarantine.

***Close Contacts in Household**

Students identified as a close contact to a known positive COVID case in their own household will still be required to stay home from school for the duration of the 14-day quarantine.