



# South Central School Dist. #26-5

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## 2023-2024 South Central Safe Return Plan

The South Central School District wants to ensure the safest environment possible for students and staff returning to school for the 2023-2024 school year. Please keep in mind that these measures are contingent upon the spread of the COVID-19 virus and that the school district is prepared to implement additional mitigation measures if needed.

### Online Platform

- All South Central teachers have been trained using SeeSaw as the online learning platform.
- SeeSaw includes daily activities, assessments, links, and communication for parents and students. SeeSaw will be used for both in-person instruction and home based FLEX learning if needed.
- In the event of a school closure, the district will immediately transition to online, FLEX Learning using SeeSaw. Attendance will be taken and coursework must be completed for future promotion.
- Students in isolation/quarantine will be expected to join their classroom virtually/remotely or complete work from home.

### Transportation

- Students will maintain social distance, as much as possible, when riding a school bus to and from school.
- Busses will be disinfected after each route.

### Classroom

- Students will practice social distancing in the classroom.
- Students will not share school supplies.
- Classrooms and devices will be disinfected at the end of each day.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be present in all classrooms.
- Specials (PE, music, computers, library, makerspace) will practice social distancing.

### School Building

- All areas, frequented by staff and/or students, will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Students will be educated on proper hygiene practices. Students will be given scheduled breaks during the day to wash hands and use hand sanitizer. Students will sanitize their hands each time before entering and leaving their classroom.
- Students will be educated on proper respiratory awareness practices.
- Proper hygiene and healthy habit signage will be posted throughout the school building.
- The fresh air intakes will remain on during the school day.
- Students will be given as much space between lockers assignments as possible.

## **Breakfast/Lunch**

- Students will be spaced appropriately in the lunch room.
- Lunch tables will be disinfected between meal sessions (pk, k-2, 3-5, breakfast, etc.).
- Students, not eating breakfast, will report to their classroom immediately upon entering the building each day.

## **Protocols**

- Students that become ill will be temperature screened. Students with fevers at or above 100.4 degrees will be sent home. All sick students and staff are encouraged to be COVID-19 screened and tested at the local healthcare providers, including Indian Health Services (IHS). Parents are expected to follow proper home screening guidelines prior to sending their children to school each day. The school district has COVID-19 tests available for home use.
- In the event of an isolated case, the affected area will be closed for 24 hours. Following the 24 hours, the area will be cleaned and disinfected.
- School will not necessarily be closed for isolated cases.
- In the event of a school closure due to evidence of community spread, students will transition to Flex Learning immediately.
- Sick students and staff are encouraged to stay home.
- Both staff and students are permitted to wear masks when in the building. Masks will be provided for both students and staff, if needed.
- The South Central School staff were all given access to COVID-19 vaccinations during an onsite clinic provided by Indian Health Services (IHS) on 2/26/21 and 3/26/21.
- All staff will be informed of a child's accommodations and modifications as noted on the child's IEP. This will ensure that all staff, certified and classified, possess appropriate knowledge of each student in respect to health and safety.
- School staff have been and will continue being educated on self-care including nutrition and exercise. The South Central School District is fortunate to work closely with Rising Hope Counseling and Southern Plains Behavior Health for any staff or needs.
- Teachers, including the Physical Education teacher, are able to meet student's social, emotional, and mental health needs including stress management, self-care, problem solving, and decision making.
- The South Central School District will work with the South Dakota Department of Health in regards to contact tracing.
- Close contacts determination
  - The South Central School District will follow the South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) guidelines for close contact determination and use the SD DOH Quarantine Calculator found at <https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/Calculator/>
- COVID-19 Positive
  - The South Central School District will follow the South Dakota Department of Health (SD DOH) guidelines for testing positive for COVID-19 and use the SD DOH Isolation Calculator found at <https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/Calculator/>

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