



## Pierre School District 32-2

# 2020-21 Back to School Plan

*Guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health will be considered.*

*All plans on this document are subject to change.*

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### Home Health Screening

- Parents will screen their children at home for fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

[Student Symptom Screening Checklist](#)

- If child is symptomatic, please call your family health care provider.
- Students should not come to school if symptomatic.
- Vaccination requirements, as required by state law, are still in place.

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### Masks

- Students will be **strongly encouraged** to wear masks.
- Parents will need to provide masks for their child to wear in school.
- Staff will be provided clear face shields.
- Staff will be expected to wear face shields and/or masks if working in close proximity of students for extended periods of time.

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### Social Distancing

- Social distancing of 6 feet will be expected.
- Masks will be strongly encouraged and are especially important in situations when social distancing is not possible.
- Whenever practical, students will remain in cohort groups.
- The configuration of all instructional spaces will be modified to best accommodate social distancing.

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### Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Students

- Areas will be designated at each building to allow for greater social distancing. Each school will provide more specific information.
- Parents can assist this process greatly by delaying student arrival when possible.
- Parents should stay in their vehicle during pick-up and drop-off and keep students in their vehicle as long as possible.
- Students will enter and exit through assigned doors specified by their school.
- Social distancing practices will be in place for entering/exiting school buildings.

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### Cleaning/Sanitizing

- Touchless hand sanitizer dispensers will be located in classrooms and numerous other common areas throughout the schools.
- Touchless faucets/toilets have been installed in all buildings.
- Outside air intake will be increased in all buildings.
- The use of disinfecting solutions will be utilized on a more frequent basis.
- Custodial procedures and frequency of sanitizing will be increased.
- Water spigots will be turned off and bottle fillers will be readily available.
- Students are encouraged to bring personal water bottles.
- Bathroom breaks will be scheduled in such a way as to encourage social distancing and frequent handwashing.

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**Cafeteria / Meals**

*(Breakfast and Lunch)*

- Each school cafeteria will have additional tables and expanded space to allow for social distancing.
- Lunch schedules have been revised to reduce the number of students in cafeterias to 50% of seating capacity.
- Menus and serving procedures have been modified.
- Open salad bars and self-service will be discontinued for the time being.
- Cafeteria supervisors will be assisting students to find ways to socially distance during dining and in cafeteria receiving lines.

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**Response to Students who become COVID-19 Symptomatic During the Day**

- Pierre School District will consider guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health and the South Dakota Department of Education.
- School nurse positions have been added in order to provide a nurse for each school building.
- Isolation rooms have been designated at each school for symptomatic individuals.
- Affected areas will be thoroughly cleaned.
- If a student or staff member becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student/staff member will be sent home and encouraged to contact their health provider (see link below).

[Protocol for an Individual Exhibiting Symptoms](#)

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**Positive Cases and Response**

- Pierre School District will follow guidance (see flow chart links) from the SD Department of Health (SDDOH).
- SDDOH will contact district officials regarding positive test results, as well as those identified as close contacts. Such individuals will be required to be absent from school for periods recommended by the SDDOH.
- During these absences, students will be expected to complete any assigned work.

[COVID-19 Contact Tracing](#)

[COVID-19 Mitigation in Schools](#)

[Health Protocols for Schools](#)

[What Should I Do if I've Been in Close Contact with Someone](#)

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**Visitors to School**

- Access to school buildings will be limited to employees and students of the Pierre School District.
- In the event a visit is necessary by a parent or other individual, an appointment must be made.
- The school office will be open to visitors on a limited basis.
- If students need to leave the building during the school day, parents will call the school office upon arrival so students may be released.
- Visitors will be **strongly encouraged** to wear masks.

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**Transportation Safety/  
Sanitation**

- Students, drivers, and bus monitors will be required to wear masks during all bus transportation provided by the Pierre School District.
- Parents may request permission to transport students to and from extra-curricular events.
- Buses will be sanitized after each trip.

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**Facility Usage by Outside  
Organizations**

- At this time, school facilities will be limited to school sponsored events

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**Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Guidance from the South Dakota High School Activities Association, South Dakota Department of Education, and South Dakota Department of Health will be followed for all extracurricular activities.

[South Dakota High School Activities Association Recommendations](#)

[Pierre School District Tentative Back to Sports Plan](#)

- Decisions on seasons, events, games, practices will be forthcoming.

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