

Fall 2021 “Back to Normal” School Plan



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We will return to normal operations here at the school while keeping up-to-date with CDC and/or South Dakota Department of Health guidelines. We know that we will not completely prevent COVID-19 in our school this year but will do our best, if the case arises, to limit COVID-19’s spread/impact in our school population. The safety of our students and staff are one of our highest priorities all while providing an in-person learning experience throughout the school year.

Some key areas that our school will focus on is:

1. Maximizing in person learning this year is paramount.
2. Providing education on COVID-19, its symptoms, and personal protection steps to all students, staff, and parents. A symptoms checklist will be distributed to our staff and students.
3. Encouraging best personal hygiene practices especially hand washing and avoiding touching your face.
4. Masking will be encouraged but not required.
5. Keeping our more frequent custodial sanitization schedule.
6. Isolating and dismissing a student for 10 days in accordance with CDC and/or South Dakota Department of Health guidelines if a positive case should happen to be present in our school.
7. Notifying parents if their child has had a possible exposure.
8. Continued monitoring of staff and student cases with rapid reporting to preclude an outbreak; and
9. Contingency plans if an outbreak should occur.

The plan is based on CDC, state, city, healthcare providers, industry, and school district guidance. Flexibility, once again, is key to responding to COVID-19, but we must maintain a practical risk mitigation approach that responds to the cases in our school and community. Therefore, there is a chance that there may be triggers that change the plan.

These triggers could drive adjustments to this plan making it more or less restrictive. These triggers could include:

- Significant community spread
- Guidance from state or city government
- Government orders a shelter in place or a lockdown

The “START WELL FALL 2020 PLAN” acts as the primary contingency plan should an outbreak occur.

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