

# Communicable Diseases Protection Plan

## Wall School District

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## Wall School District Communicable Diseases Protection Plan

School will resume as a normal, pre pandemic environment. However, if cases of COVID-19 are identified, the Communicable Diseases Protection Plan will be utilized at the task force committee discretion. This document will be an active working document. As the CDC and Dept. of Health update the COVID-19 disease information, we will need to adjust our procedures to meet the needs of our staff and students.

### Statement

The Wall School District wants staff, students and community members to be safe from communicable diseases such as COVID-19. We believe that our environment at school gives students the best chance to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. We will need a group effort from parent(s)/guardian(s), school personnel, and students to make school a safe environment for learning.

### Parent Expectation

- Parents are important in helping to keep the school environment safe for students. If your child is showing any symptoms do not send them to school. We will not be awarding any perfect attendance or other attendance incentives.
- The Wall School District recommends that parent(s)/guardian(s) check students' temperature daily and that their student feels well prior to going to school in order to prevent prolonged remote learning.
  - **If a student has a fever over 100.4, the South Dakota Department of Health recommends students stay home for two days without fever-reducing medication.**
  - **Parents are recommended to complete the “Student Symptom Screening Checklist”** This list is included with this document and available in the school offices.
- Make sure that your child(ren) practice good hygiene skills such as washing their hands after using the restroom and touching surfaces that have been touched by other individuals.
- Make sure that your child(ren) properly hydrated themselves throughout the day. •Please have your students bring a sanitized water container daily to ensure proper hydration. Drinking fountains will not be active. Only water bottle filling stations. • Parent(s)/guardian(s) and other visitors are not allowed in the building during school hours unless absolutely necessary.
- Office staff will monitor visitors entering building to keep it at a minimum. No loitering in front lobby.
- The elementary staff will meet their students on playground first day.

### Students expectation

- Students need to practice good hygiene such as sanitizing hands before entering classroom, while entering and exiting restrooms, before and after recess(es), before and after eating, and before and after sporting practice/competitions.

- **Students have the option to wear a mask to school, but it is not mandated.** • Social distance yourself as much as you can in classrooms, cafeterias, and other rooms throughout the school.
- Stay with your class as much as you can throughout the school day(Lunch timeincluded).
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow. Wash orsanitize hands immediately afterwards.
- Students will sit in their teacher assigned seat for ease of contact tracing. •Students will only be able to use refill stations for water. They will not be able to drink directly from the fountains.

### **School District Personnel Expectations**

- Personnel will symptom screen themselves daily and will model good hygiene. • Personnel will create an environment in school that will reduce the spread of germs, which will include the wiping of desks, tables and chairs during the day.
- Personnel will educate students on proper health etiquette throughout the year. • Wall School District will socially distance students as much as possible throughout the school day.
- Teachers will have assigned seats for each class period for ease of contact tracing.

### **Safety Protocol and procedures by school personnel**

- Parent(s)/guardian(s) will not be allowed in the school building during the school day.
- School doors will open at 7:20 am for students.
- Students will have access to breakfast from 7:20 am-7:45 am daily.
- Students will be socially distanced as much as possible in the classroom.
- Surfaces that are touched by students will be sanitized daily by school personnel.
- School Lunch will group students by grade levels to ease contact tracing.
- Individual learning plans will include safety prodigal for students with disabilities.

### **Fever Protocol in School**

Students with symptoms of illness at school will be “ICE-d”:

I – Isolated

C - Contact will be made to parents for immediate pick up

E – Exited as soon as possible

### **Phases for Instruction**

Administration and the Wall Board of Education will use data from local hospitals, South Dakota Department of Health, and South Dakota Department of Education to decide the education phase for the Wall School District. Please note that this process is an ongoing process throughout the school year.

1. Phase one- Limited Cases in school building. Traditional learning with safety procedures in place while preparing parents and students for possible remote learning.

2. Phase two- Isolated cases in school building. Remote learning for a student(s) that has tested positive for Covid-19 or a member of the student's family tested positive for Covid-19. Students that have been determined to be in close contact with a student that tested positive for Covid-19 will have to do remote learning, unless they are willing to wear a mask to school during the consecutive fourteen day recommendation.
  - o Students can come back to traditional learning as long as they are symptom free after their exclusion period.
  
3. Phase three- Substantial cases in school building. Remote learning for all students due to multiple positive Covid-19 cases.

### **Remote Learning Expectation**

- Students attendance times are suggested from 7:50am-3:41pm.
- If the student is sick the parent will contact the school.
- Teachers will have instruction and assessment each day.
- Students will communicate with the teacher.
- Teachers will be available through online platforms and K12 email.

### **Positive Covid-19 test**

The Student Symptom Screening Checklist below is a diagnostic and screening test for COVID-19.

Diagnostic and screening testing for COVID-19, as well as, vaccinations for eligible members of the community are available at the Monument Health Wall Clinic. Phone number 605-279-2149.

- Additional information from the DOE/DOH can be located on the starting well website <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/startingwell.aspx>
- <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/documents/Whatif.pdf>
- <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/documents/MitigationinSchools.pdf>

### **Social, Emotional, and Physical Needs**

The Wall School District staff will focus a lot of attention toward the climate and culture throughout the school district. Staff received training to target the social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students. A School Guidance Counselor is available to meet with individual students.

Wall Food Service have permitted waivers to provide food service options to students that are in quarantine or during remote learning.

## **STUDENT SYMPTOM SCREENING CHECKLIST**

Parents must complete a daily symptom screening check by answering these questions before sending their child to school.

Has your child had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) with a confirmed case of COVID-19?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have chills or a fever of 100.4 or greater?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have new or worsening cough?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Is your child experiencing fatigue?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have unexplained muscle or body aches?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have a headache (not related to a known health condition i.e. migraines)?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have a sore throat?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Has your child been experiencing nausea or vomiting?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO
Does your child have diarrhea?	<u>          </u> YES	<u>          </u> NO

\*Based on CDC guidelines from 5-13-20



If **YES** to **ANY** of the questions **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL**. Please seek guidance from your medical provider. Contact your school to inform them of your child's symptoms. You may also contact the South Dakota Department of Health at 1-800-592-1861 with questions.

If **NO** to **ALL** questions go to school.