

Sisseton School District #54-2 2021-22 School Start “At a Glance” Guidance

Health & Safety Protocols

Student/Staff Health Screening & Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/guardians are asked to complete a daily symptom screening each day for each student, and staff are asked to complete a daily symptom screening prior to reporting to work. If any COVID-19 symptoms are present, please stay at home. • Students and staff members who become ill during the school day will be asked to wear a facemask and until they are able to go home. • Staff and students may request a COVID-19 on-site test, based on testing supply and testing staff availability, if required to leave school due to COVID-19 symptoms. Take-home COVID-19 tests may be sent home with students and families, if available. • Staff and students must stay home if they have tested positive for COVID-19 and will remain home until the end of the COVID-19 isolation period.
Entering/Exiting Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students & staff are expected to practice social distancing when entering/exiting the building. • Designated entrances and exits will be used by students and staff.
Face Covering Guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students & staff who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are encouraged to wear face coverings.
Classroom Arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms will be arranged to allow for maximum social distancing. A 3’ space between all students might not be able to be maintained in all locations. Seating charts will be maintained by all teachers. • Clear barriers may be added in locations where students may need to work in close proximity to each other.
Bus Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Due to the nature of bus transportation and difficulty in maintaining social distancing on the bus, there may be a heightened risk in using bus transportation. • Students and staff are encouraged to wear face coverings when in district vehicles. • Students will apply provided hand sanitizer when entering the bus. • Seating will be assigned by household. • Guests will not be allowed on district buses.
School Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access for visitors may be limited. Appointments are encouraged for those needing to meet on-campus. Virtual appointments are also available. • Unvaccinated visitors are strongly encouraged to wear facemasks.
Facility Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside organizations using district facilities are asked follow the SD Department of Health guidelines, including expectations for social distancing and crowd sizes.
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance from the South Dakota High School Activities Association, SD Department of Education, and the SD Department of Health will be followed when making decisions related to extracurricular Activities. • SDHSAA activities will begin following established dates and SDHSAA COVID-19 related requirements. • Participants in SDHSAA activities are required to follow COVID-19 protocols. • Attendance at athletic activities may be limited with increased COVID-19 activity.

SISSETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVID-19 QUARANTINE POLICY

(Approved 8-09-2021)

1. While not required, it is recommended that all students and staff wear a face-covering whenever unable to maintain a 6ft. spacing from students/staff, when in common areas including building hallways, and when using district transportation services. District staff are expected to wear a face-covering when working within 6ft of other students/staff for more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour timeframe and when exhibiting symptoms such as a runny nose, cough, etc.
2. The SD Department of Health determines who is considered a close contact and conducts out-of-school close contact investigations, and recommends who should be quarantined.
3. The Sisseton School District strongly encourages those identified as close contacts to follow the SD-DOH recommendation of a 10-Day quarantine.
4. The district will use social distancing and length of contact time in determining whether an individual is considered a potential school-based close contact.
5. Students and staff identified as a potential close contact may remain in school under the following conditions:
 - Remain symptom-free
 - Wear a face covering (with the exception of while eating lunch)
 - Complete daily health screening & temperature check(s)
 - When available, take-home COVID tests will be provided for additional screening.
6. All district-identified potential close contacts will be reported to the SD Department of Health for further investigation.

Students and staff with COVID-19 are required to follow SD Department of Health isolation orders.

Please contact the SD Department of Health (1-800-997-2880) or <https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/> for further information on quarantine and isolation periods.

Students in quarantine due to close contact or students in isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test are encouraged to engage in daily online learning. Please contact your child's building if your child needs a computer device for home use during the quarantine/isolation period.