



Student Services Return to School Protocols Table

The Mitchell School District 17-2 will follow guidelines by the South Dakota Department of Health Department.

All plans on this document are subject to change through subsequent board action.

Pre-Screening for Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Call a medical professional if symptomatic. Students do not report to school if symptomatic.
Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buildings will open at 7:30 am each morning. Additional gathering areas will be created in school building in order to allow greater social distancing. In most buildings, students will be asked to 'cohort' with their classmates to reduce contact with students outside of their normal school day. Parents who can do so can assist the school by delaying student arrival until around 8:00 am. Parents stay in their vehicle during pick-up and drop-off when possible.
Entering Buildings Exiting Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Distancing practices will be in place for entering/exiting school buildings. Students enter and exit through assigned doors.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anyone on district property will be required to wear a mask until such a time as the pandemic is deemed to be over. Parents will need to provide a mask for their child to wear in school. If your child forgets his/her mask, the school will provide one to your child. Accommodations: In classrooms with a student with a documented hearing impairment, masks that allow the speakers lips to be seen will be worn. Clear masks or facial shields will be worn by early literacy teachers, speech teachers, and others when situations require it.
Hand Washing Hand Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand Sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, near all entrances, and throughout hallways. Bathroom breaks will be scheduled in such a way as to discourage a lack of social distancing and encourage frequent handwashing.
Touch Surface Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The use of specific cleaning solutions documented to protect against the virus. The installation of hand sanitizing stations throughout school buildings. The use of more automatic cleaning equipment to allow our custodial employees to clean with greater efficiency and speed, thus allowing more repetitions throughout the school day. Daily work task cards, laying out for custodial employees the schedules of cleaning throughout the day. Increasing outside air intake to increase more fresh air into the buildings.
Cafeteria / Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At each school other than the HS, principals and the food service director are lining up additional square footage for lunch time dining to maximize square footage. The HS already has sufficient dining area due to open lunch and two cafeteria spaces, to allow for social distancing. When weather permits, student may be dining outside. Cafeteria supervisors will be assisting students to find ways to socially distance during dining and in cafeteria receiving lines. Open salad bars will be eliminated for the time being; pre-packaged salads will be provided instead.

Response to Students who become COVID symptomatic during the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Public School will follow guidance from the SD Department of Health. • 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 all classroom families will be contacted. • Classroom will be thoroughly cleaned.
Positive Cases and Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Public Schools will follow guidance from the SD Department of Health. As a result of their reports and investigations, the SDDOH will share with the district officials both individuals who are confirmed cases of COVID-19 as well as those identified as 'close contacts'. Such individuals will be required to be absent from the school setting for periods recommended by the DOH. During these absences, these individuals will engage in eLearning. • Communications to families as recommended by the SD Department of Health.
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spigots of water foundations for individual use will be closed off. • Students are encouraged to use individual water bottles.
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will walk on the right side of hallways.
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing of 6' will be expected when possible. • When social distancing is not possible, students will be in cohorts.
Dressing for Physical Education / Physical Health and Wellness Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To minimize use of locker rooms, HS and MS Physical Education/Physical Health and Wellness classes will not dress or only dress on a limited basis. • Elementary PE classes do not dress for PE.
Visitors to School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To limit outside exposure, we will limit access to persons who are not school employees or students. Please make an appointment when you would like to visit. • The school office will be open to visitors who are wearing a mask. • For all students who need to leave the building (have an appointment, are ill, need to leave early, etc.) parents will call the school office upon arrival so students can be released. • Vendors, outside speakers, and delivery persons are not allowed in the school buildings during the school day.
Transportation Safety / Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses will be sanitized twice each day, after morning and afternoon routes. • Additional shuttle buses will be employed to enhance social distancing on shuttles, when possible. • Students will be required to wear masks during all bus transportation; driver required to wear a mask, subject to SD Department of Transportation regulations. • Students will be asked to cohort with members of their own families. • Social Distancing will be hard to achieve when students are transported to and from our exchange point. Parents will need to make an informed decision about their child's use of school transportation.
Facility usage by outside organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside groups and Kids Club, when permitted to use school facilities, will follow SD Department of Health Guidelines.
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Decisions on seasons, events, games, practices will be forthcoming.

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