



## **Proposed Changes to Current COVID-19 Practices by Meade School District**

**September 18, 2020**

**Motion for the District to follow the SD Department of Health's "Recommendations for Temporary Exclusion from a School Setting" and to authorize the Superintendent to implement rules, plans and procedures for the application and execution of these recommendations.**

- 1. When parents and/or the DOH notify the school of a positive COVID case designated personnel from each school building will conduct contact tracing.**
- 2. The district will use social distancing, use of masks, table and/or desk dividers as well as the length of the close contact in determining whether an individual is considered a potential close contact.**
- 3. After investigative measures for contact tracing as defined in section 2 above, a list of staff or students that were in close contact, will be submitted to the Department of Health. Students and parents will be notified that their student is a potential close contact and may be contacted by the DOH. The district will strongly recommend the student follows all guidelines from the DOH. The DOH determines who is considered a close contact.**
- 4. Any student that has been identified as a close contact by the Department of Health due to a person in their household that tests positive for COVID-19 they will not be allowed to attend school for 14 days.**
- 5. Students and staff members presumed as a close contact as identified in section 3 above, who remain in school must show no COVID-19 symptoms, wear a mask at all times when they are not able to socially distance, and will be required to have their temperature checked twice during the school day for the duration of the 14 day close contact window.**
- 6. Meade School District will quarantine a student because of close contact as defined in section 2 above, upon notification from the SD Department of Health that the student should be quarantined. The student will then be required to stay home from school for the duration of the designated quarantine time issued by the SD Department of Health.**

**Motion to approve the guidelines for screening of students that are not considered a close contact and have shown COVID-19 symptoms.**

**For students that demonstrate one or more symptoms of COVID-19:**

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher**
  - Sore throat**
  - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)**
  - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain**
  - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever**
- 1. The student with one or more symptoms of COVID-19, the student will be allowed to return to school after 72 hours if they are symptom free.**
  - 2. The student can return sooner to school if they have a negative COVID-19 test or a medical doctor's note stating the symptom(s) was due to an illness other than COVID-19.**