

Hoven School District Coronavirus Response and Online/Home Based Learning

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Introduction

➤ Learning Objectives

- Brief overview of the timeline from yesterday
- What is the current situation regarding school for next week
- What is our current plan for beyond
- Certified Staff Collaboration and Needs Assessment
- Family Internet Access help
- Online and Home Based Learning
- School Lunch Grab and Go
- Parent Communication

Friday, March 13 and School Closure

➤ March 12 Announcement

- Conference call on March 12 indicated we were in a preparedness phase and asked to continue school activities, but to begin preparations for potential closure and response

➤ March 13 Timeline

- 9:14 AM—SDHSAA sends out an e-mail to attend conference call on Coronavirus. Dr. Jeremy Cauwels Senior Vice-President suggests that safest thing schools can do is keep kids in school. Some districts share this guidance to their stakeholders immediately afterwards
- 11:13 AM—Argus Leader published online article indicating that schools close March 16-20 using the word asking. Other media outlets pick up the story indicating it is mandatory
- 11:55 AM—SDHSAA announces that all basketball tournaments are postponed and All-State Band Cancelled at guidance of Governor and SDDOH
- 11:57 AM—SDDOE sends an e-mail saying that Governor Noem “recommends” that school is South Dakota be closed March 16-20 and it is not required

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▶ March 13 Timeline

- ▶ 12:46 PM—SDDOE sends another e-mail assuring school districts that the closure of schools is a recommendation and not a mandate
- ▶ 12:52 PM—Mr. Hurd sends SDDOE an e-mail indicating confusing between message shared and what is currently in the news. I indicate that I am waiting to announce anything to district stakeholders until a coordinated message is sent out
- ▶ 1:20 PM—SDDOE sends me another message assuring me that this is a recommendation and not a mandate
- ▶ 3:00 PM—SDDOE sets up a conference call with Superintendents. They indicate again that the school closure is a “recommendation”. Mark Weber and Amber Huber attend conference call
- ▶ 4:28 PM—SDDOE indicates that after conversation with Avera and Sanford leadership, the Governor tells schools to “close for the cleaning of schools as we make plans for the coming weeks”
- ▶ 4:30 PM—Mr. Hurd conversation has conversation with school board. Board suggests to wait and take time to reflect before making any announcements
- ▶ 6:30 PM—Mr. Hurd attends Gettysburg School Board meeting to listen in on their response

What happens next?

- ▶ The Governor is requiring that all schools close March 16-20.
- ▶ Legally we must comply
- ▶ Nobody is allowed in the school except for employees with a few exceptions
- ▶ Community access to the weight room or any district facility is prohibited. The school district is in LOCKDOWN to the public.
- ▶ Currently, we must make plans for the potential for school closures to extend beyond March 20
- ▶ We should prepare for the potential closure of school for an undetermined amount of time
- ▶ We are in the midst of the most disruptive educational, social, and economic disruption of modern times

What happens next?

- The Governor can waive attendance requirements when a state of emergency is declared
- Further guidance will be coming next week
- SDDOE is directing that school districts “show every effort to hold timely meetings for staff to prepare for a continued closure of school”
- This means that some seat time requirements could be waived, but maybe not all
- The state will count time requirements for schools who make a “reasonable effort” to continue school, even virtual school

District Plan for March 16-20 and beyond

- ▶ Our #1 priority above anything is figuring out how we continue our student's education
- ▶ I have been directed by the board that certified teachers are to start preparations for the delivery of teaching students K-12 online starting March 23.
- ▶ There will be a meeting for all certified staff on Monday, March 16 at 8:00 AM in the cafeteria
- ▶ The school board has directed that any family that does not have internet access, that the district will pay for their access for as long as we are conducting virtual school
 - ▶ Parents need to e-mail me at Jeremy.Hurd@k12.sd.us to let me know you will need access ASAP

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- ▶ We will communicate with parents sometime mid-week next week once the staff has had a chance to meet and a plan is developed
- ▶ Looking at synchronous or “real time” learning and “asynchronous” or “on your own time” learning
- ▶ In the meantime, parents should prepare for extended closure of school and for the potential for ongoing online and home based instruction starting Monday, March 23 and beyond
- ▶ Staff are concerned about some students having a hard time with doing home based learning and we will discuss with staff logistical issues with the model
- ▶ We are still waiting for guidance for families with students on IEP’s and it is not clear what schools will be required to do to maintain compliance
- ▶ This is not ideal and will require more effort from parents, but we make every effort to make this easy for parents and teachers

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- ▶ Food Service will continue for all students the duration of school closure
 - ▶ Grab and Go option will be ran out of the kitchen and students can come to school to pickup a lunch everyday
 - ▶ Lunch service at the back door of school will be from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM
 - ▶ When you call, please tell us what days you will need school lunch so we take one count per week on Monday
 - ▶ I will direct parents to e-mail Paulette Maursetter or Amy Arbach with their lunch count for the week (E-mails on our website)
 - ▶ You may also call after 8:00 AM on Monday, March 16 to the high school office
- ▶ Custodians will come into work to perform deep cleaning



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- ▶ State testing and other requirements are being discussed as potentially being cancelled or moved to an early point of next school year, but no decisions have been made so far
- ▶ We understand that working parents may still be required to go to work even during closure. Please remember we will continue to do our best to get back to school ASAP
- ▶ We are working with the South Dakota Department of Health, South Dakota Department of Education, and local health officials on their guidance

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- ▶ During this time of school closure, we are asking that all families remain in town as much as possible and students not travel to other places where the potential to come in contact with someone with the Coronavirus may happen.
- ▶ As the CDC has recommended, please be sure to encourage hand washing at home, covering cough or sneeze with a tissue, disinfect all surfaces at home that are frequently touched, and that you stay home if you are sick for any reason and watching for signs and symptoms of potential COVID-19.
- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ▶ Please remember if you feel your student is sick for any reason, please call your medical provider prior to going into the facility. They may need to take precautions in the event they want to protect their staff from the virus
- ▶ If your students are sick for any reason, please have them stay home until they are well

Symptoms



SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms* can include

FEVER



COUGH



*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH



Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Coronavirus School Decision Tree

Keeping the school safe

Encourage your faculty, staff, and students to...

Practice good hygiene



- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Consider rearranging large activities and gatherings



- Consider adjusting or postponing gatherings that mix between classes and grades
- Adjust after-school arrangements to avoid mixing between classes and grades
- When possible, hold classes outdoors or in open, well-ventilated spaces

Handle food carefully



- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

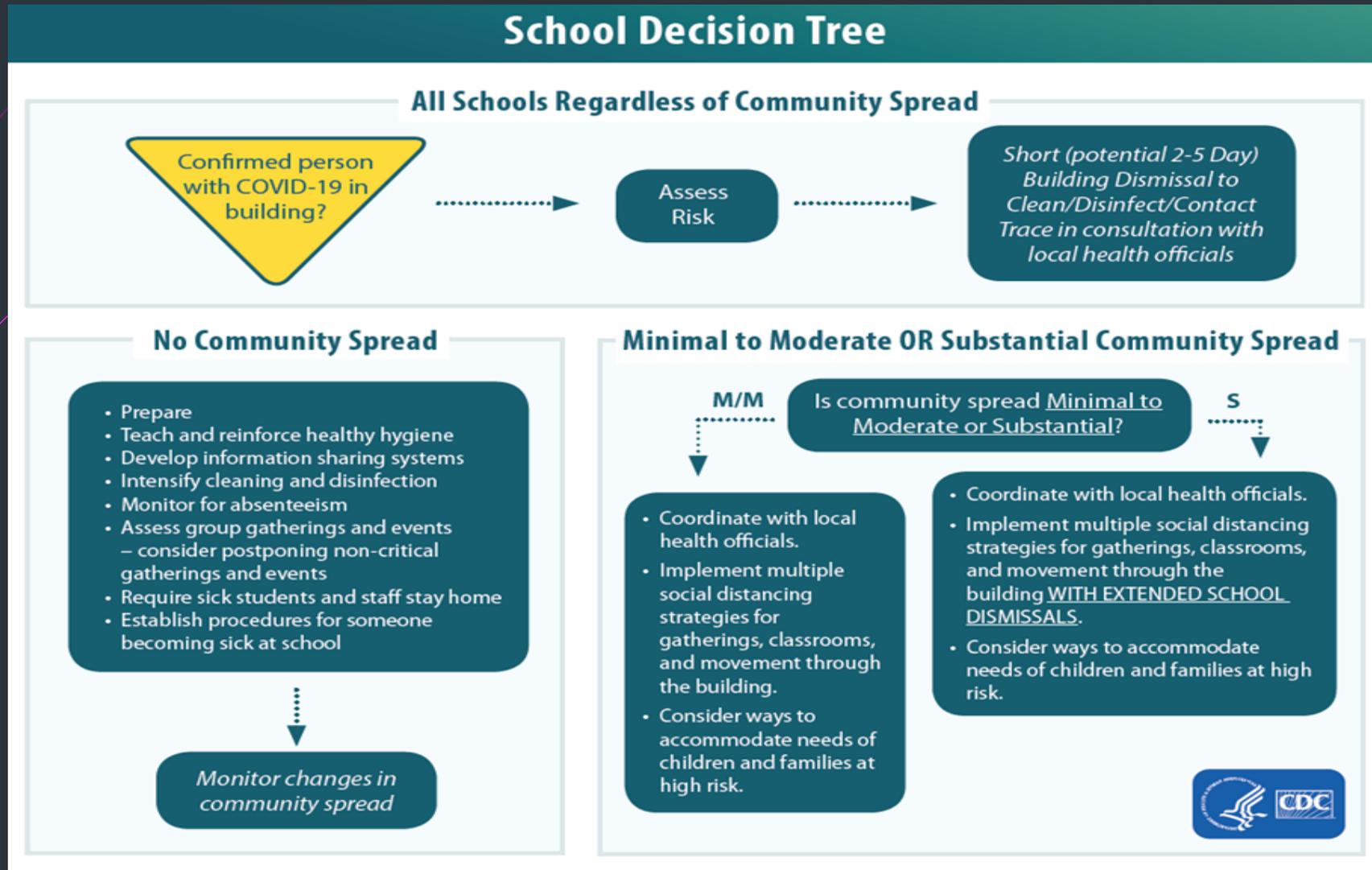
Stay home if...



- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

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QUESTIONS???

