

Hoven School District 53-2



Safe Return to School Plan

2021-2022

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*Changes to this plan may occur based on updated guidelines from national, state, and local health officials. Direct questions to: Superintendent James Kayl, Hoven School District (james.kayl@k12.sd.us) (605) 948-2252 Ext. 1001

➤ General District Guidance and Practices

- The Hoven School District will have a “return to normal” educational program to the greatest extent possible for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan and all practices within are subject to change due to additional information and recommendations by the SD Department of Health.
- The Hoven School District will follow guidelines by the South Dakota Department of Health in regard to school operations due the COVID pandemic.
- The district is committed and will adhere to routines and policies that encourage students to practice good hygiene, including: proper hand washing, cleaning of surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and proper disposal, avoiding touching of a person’s face, social distancing when possible, and staying home when you are sick. *See Appendix A for Student Symptom Screening Checklist
- Anyone on district property will be permitted, but not required, to wear a mask or face shield until the time as the pandemic is deemed to be over. However, should conditions change and be deemed to warrant such, mask requirements could be reinstated. Parents who wish their child to wear a mask in school shall provide the mask for their use.
- The district will continue the increased cleaning of high touch surfaces and provide guidelines for custodians and staff for what surfaces should be cleaned on a daily basis to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and near all entrances.
- Social distancing of 3 feet will be expected throughout the school day when possible.
- Visitors to the school will be allowed on a limited basis. Prior arrangements to visit the school are required and subject to administration’s approval depending on current COVID-19 restrictions.
- Extracurricular activities, events, games and practices will be held as regularly scheduled, though cancellations may occur should circumstances warrant them. At this time, masks will not be required on school & activity transportation.
- Persons who speak a language other than English or persons with disabilities that need assistance with options to access this plan should contact Superintendent Jim Kayl at james.kayl@k12.sd.us or 605-948-2252.

- ➤ The Hoven School District is committed to the health and safety of all students, educators, and staff members. The provisions and procedures outlined in this plan are guaranteed for all students and staff. Appropriate accommodations and/or modifications with respect to health and safety policies and procedures will be provided for students with disabilities as needed.

- **Food Service**

Nutritious meals at school are part of a critical safety net to support the physical, mental, social, and emotional health and well-being for students. All students should have access to school meals and adequate time to consume them. The School District provides meal options that best meet the nutritional needs of students in an environment that promotes social distancing and personal hygiene practices as a means of supporting optimal academic success. Overall safety procedures include disinfecting of tables and chairs or other contact surfaces before, during (as needed), and after meal services.

- **Student and Staff Health/Safety**

National, state, and local guidance should always be consulted for the most up-to-date requirements and recommendations. Staff and families are encouraged to practice good hygiene, physical distancing, recognizing symptoms of Covid-19, and when to stay home due to illness.

Before sending their children to school parents should use the checklist in Appendix A.

If staff or students believe they have been exposed to the COVID 19 virus they should use the checklist in Appendix A before returning to school.

Students or staff displaying symptoms of illness are encouraged to stay home. If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student or staff member will go to the designated isolation area in the building until they go home. The parents of ill students will be contacted to pick up their students from school as soon as possible.

- **Student Learning Loss**

An emphasis will be placed on the identification of students in need of remediation due to learning loss associated with lost instructional time due to the pandemic. Teachers and/or staff members will notify administration in a timely fashion when a concern is noted in the classroom. Strategies for student remediation will be discussed and implemented on an individual student basis.

Study halls each day will be focused on assignment completion and student assistance. After school remedial sessions, ICU, early out days, and other strategies to meet the needs of all students are to be discussed with administration. The superintendent will bring recommendations to the board prior to implementation of such programs.

➤ **Student's and Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**

Counseling services are contracted to assist with individual student and group counseling needs. Any student or staff needs or concerns should be reported to school administration immediately.



➤ **Contact Tracing**

The Hoven School District will not be doing contact tracing. We will utilize information from medical providers and the South Dakota Department of Health.

➤ **Isolation/Quarantine Procedures**

1) Positive Case

- If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home and isolate for 5 days from when your symptoms began (day zero). If your symptoms have gotten better after 5 days you can leave your house, but continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days.
- If you still have a fever or are not feeling that symptoms have gotten better after 5 days, continue to stay home until 24 hours after your fever resolves and you are not using fever reducing medications (such as Tylenol or ibuprofen) and symptoms have improved. Continue to wear a mask around others through the 10th day from symptom onset. If you cannot mask, continue to isolate at home for the 5 additional days.
- If students participate in activities, they must complete the Return to Play procedures

2) Close Contact with Completed Vaccine Series

- If you have had your COVID-19 booster vaccination **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR** completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months: Masks are recommended around others for 10 days from your last exposure (day zero). You do not have to stay home.
- Test day five
- Activity involvement upon return masks are recommended
- If you develop symptoms you must begin isolation and can return with a negative test. If positive, you begin your five day isolation period.

3) Close Contact NO vaccine

- If you are not vaccinated for COVID-19 vaccine **OR** completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted **OR** completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted: Stay home for 5 days from your last exposure (day zero). Masks are required around others for an additional 5 days.
- Quarantine five days from the last day of exposure
- Test day five
- You can the return if symptom/fever free; mask required for 5 additional days
- Activity involvement upon return requires a mask
- If you develop symptoms you must begin isolation and can return with a negative test. If positive, you begin your five day isolation period.

➤ Extracurricular Activities Plan 2021-22

Introduction: The Hoven School District and the Gettysburg School District have a cooperative agreement for sports and agree that consistency in policies is necessary for the success of its regular extracurricular programming.

South Dakota High School Activities Association Board Document on Fall Sports/ Activities:

The South Dakota High School Activities Association will be implementing a new plan for Fall Sports/Activities this upcoming 2021-22 school year. The SDHSAA is waiting for information from the American Medical Association before the SDHSAA can roll out their plan. When the SDHSAA's plan is made public, the Hoven School District and Gettysburg School District will make the necessary adjustments to practice and game protocols, as well as the student's Return to Participation protocol.

Extracurricular Events, Performances, and Competitions:

- Screening Protocols: Determined with the new SDHSAA recommendations that will follow soon.

After-Contest Protocol: Once a contest or event is concluded, event officials shall take steps to quickly remove participants from the venue and expedite, within reason, the departure of all fans from the area. After-contest 'mingling' shall be actively discouraged.

Following the conclusion of the game or event, student-athletes will leave the court immediately to their respective locker rooms, and after meeting with coaches, visiting players as a team will load their bus, and home athletes will directly leave the school.

Scheduling/Rescheduling Events: Guidelines established by the SDHSAA recommendations shall be observed. Gettysburg and Hoven School District officials shall not seek 'forfeits' from other schools when events are cancelled by those other schools for reasons related to COVID-19.

Individual Sports/Activities: All mandatory modifications, as set forth in the SDHSAA document shall be observed. Activities Directors Vern Smith and Jonie Ablor, in consultation with building administrators as well as coaches/sponsors, shall implement such optional modification as they deem appropriate.

South Dakota Department of Health

The South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) will work with school districts to provide data at a level to inform decision making, in line with appropriate privacy protections. Staff, students, parents and community should use the SDDOH website <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx> to stay informed on trends in data of COVID-19 as well as pertinent information for all families to use for maintaining good health and hygiene as necessary.

APPENDIX A

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?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have chills or a fever of 100.4 or greater?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have new or worsening cough?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Is your child experiencing fatigue?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have unexplained muscle or body aches?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have a headache (not related to a known health condition i.e. migraines)?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have a new loss of taste or smell?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have a sore throat?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Has your child been experiencing nausea or vomiting?	_____ YES	_____ NO
Does your child have diarrhea?	_____ YES	_____ NO

	<p>If YES to <u>ANY</u> 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.</p>
	<p>If NO to <u>ALL</u> questions go to school.</p>