

Oldham-Ramona School District

Continuing School Safely Plan

Protocols for Covid-19

- The following procedures and protocols will be implemented during the 2021-2022 School year in order to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 in our school district. Simply stated, our approach is to resume school operations as close to normal as possible with implementation of health and safety precautions for students and staff.
- The procedures and protocols outlined in this plan are flexible and can be updated at any time by the administration. The Oldham-Ramona School District will adjust this plan based on scientific information, guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health and CDC, virus spread in our community and surrounding areas, all in the best interest of our students and staff. The public will be made aware of all updates to the procedures and protocols through the district's website, Facebook page, and Infinite Campus Messaging System.
- The Oldham-Ramona School District's primary focus is for in-person instruction for all students to occur as long as the district can provide a safe learning environment for those that enter the building. Circumstances may dictate a shift to remote learning, but educational programs will be developed to provide a seamless shift to remote learning if necessary.
 - If the educational setting is changed from in-person to remote and/or hybrid, students will be supplied with proper technology to use at home. Teachers will use an online learning platform to instruct, assess, and provide feedback to students. Meals will be provided by the school food service program. The school counselor will be in communication with staff and families to provide support to any students struggling with mental health.
- The Oldham-Ramona School District will continue to monitor the needs of students and staff members throughout the school year regarding physical, emotional, and mental health and provide education and resources for the upcoming school year.
- We **strongly encourage** families to vaccinate students based on current CDC guidance but will not be requiring Covid-19 vaccinations.
 - Current guidance provides for all student 12 years and older to receive a vaccination.

Student and Staff Daily Procedures and Protocols

- Masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) may be worn at the discretion of parents or students.
 - Any student or staff that becomes symptomatic during the school day will be required to put a mask on and will be sent home.
- **We highly encourage parents to screen their children before sending them to school.**
 - Please see the "Student Symptom Checker" or "CDC Daily Checker"
- Conducting regular screening for symptoms and ongoing self-monitoring throughout the school day and help reduce exposure. Staff and students should be encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If a student develops symptoms throughout the day, they should notify an adult immediately.

- Social (physical) distancing, when practical and feasible, will be practiced.
- Students with a temperature of 100 or higher will need to be isolated and parents will be expected to pick them up from school.
- Students will not be allowed into the school until 7:50, it is preferred students arrive at 8:00.
- Hand washing/sanitization stations
 - Each classroom will have hand sanitization stations and students are encouraged to sanitize their hands often.
 - Proper hand washing techniques will be reviewed with students, and we encourage students to wash their hands as often as possible.

School Facilities

- School facilities and classrooms will receive extra cleaning and disinfecting.
- We have installed a total of two water bottle fillers for students to use.
 - Water fountains will be turned on but use of water bottles is encouraged.
- The school district will be limiting unnecessary visitors into the school building.

Bussing Procedures

- Due to space limitations on our busses, we will be unable to properly social distance students on the bus. *We encourage parents to bring students to and from school whenever possible.*
- Bus seats and high touch areas will be cleaned on a regular basis.

Quarantine Protocols (Updated January 10, 2022)

- Students testing positive for Covid-19:
 - The positive COVID case will quarantine at home for 5 days, after the 5th day and once the positive case has had no symptoms for 24 hours, positive case may return and would be required to wear a facial covering for an additional 5 days and be monitored. If asymptomatic after the 5th day, student would not have to wear protective mask while playing athletic events, such as, wrestling, basketball, or cheerleading
 - Students electing to not wear a mask will need to isolate through day 10.
 - Only students with a verified positive Covid-19 Test will be allowed to remote learn.
- Students identified as a close contact to a confirmed positive test for Covid-19.
 - Close contact designations will be identified by the SD DOH and the school district will communicate with families on an individual basis.
 - The Oldham-Ramona School District will place no restrictions on a student that has been identified as a close contact, as long as the individual is asymptomatic.
 - If symptoms of COVID-19 start, the student will be sent home immediately.
- Quarantine Protocols may be adjusted as necessary to meet any unforeseen issues with Covid-19 spread.

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