

Oldham-Ramona School District
COVID-19 Quarantine Addition to Re-Opening Plan
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Dear Oldham-Ramona Families:

At the beginning of December, the CDC and SD-DOH made the following adjustments to the recommended quarantine period for students and staff identified as being a close contact to a known positive COVID-19 case.

- Release from quarantine after 7 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Has a negative molecular or rapid antigen test that was collected on Day 5 or later, after their last contact with a person with COVID-19 (i.e., Day 5 of their quarantine or later)
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick
- Release from quarantine after 10 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Is not tested on Day 5 or later of quarantine
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick

Going forward, the Oldham-Ramona School District will still be encouraging the Department of Health's recommendation of quarantining based on the new DOH recommendations (7/10 days based on the information provided above), but additional options will continue to be offered to families. If there are questions on daily procedures related to COVID-19, please refer to the Oldham-Ramona School District re-opening document on our school's homepage.

- All "close contacts" will still be strongly encouraged by the District to follow the DOH recommendation of quarantining for 7 or 10 days from the time of exposure based on CDC/SD-DOH recommendations. The superintendent will collect a list of "close contacts" in the school setting, and will share their findings with the DOH. The superintendent will also contact the parents of students who are identified as being a "close contact" while at school. The SD DOH should also contact each family with their information and recommendations.
- If parents or guardians choose, students who are deemed as a being a "close contact," and **exhibit no symptoms** may return to school. In this situation, the student **MUST** (at all times except circumstances noted below) wear masks during the school day for the duration of the 10-day time period (or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.) The student may also be subject to daily temperature checks. The only exceptions to the mask requirement would be during breakfast (if participate), lunch, or during activities where wearing a mask would be a challenge (at the activity/coach's discretion).

- The South Dakota Department of Health determines close contacts outside of school. Both the District and the DOH will recommend a 10-day quarantine (or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.) In this situation, parents/guardians would still have the option outlined in the second bullet point above, again, as long as the student is asymptomatic and wearing a mask at all times. Families are expected to communicate with the school if their student(s) has/have been contacted by the South Dakota Department of Health and identified as a “close contact” outside of the school setting.
- One exception would be if a student is deemed to be a close contact to a member of the same household. This would require the student to complete the entire 10-day quarantine (or 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test.)
- Oldham-Ramona staff members will follow the same guidelines as set forth for the students.

The following is not a policy that was adopted by the school board but is a procedure that will be used by the administration going forward:

- Based on CDC and DOH guidelines, students and staff that have a family member that is symptomatic and waiting for test results should not be excluded from school attendance. The Oldham-Ramona School District will follow these guidelines with the requirement that the student or staff member wear a mask until the family member’s test results are returned to the school. If the family member’s test is positive, the student or staff member will be required to quarantine for 14-days based on school board policy. If the family member’s test is negative, the student or staff member will no longer be required to wear a mask.

The Oldham-Ramona School District thanks everyone for their support and flexibility received through this difficult time. If there are any questions regarding these changes, I encourage you to reach out via phone or email (or you’re welcome to schedule an appointment) 605-482-8244 or mike.fischer@k12.sd.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Michael Fischer, Superintendent

QUARANTINE GUIDELINES*

COMPARING THE NEW 7 & 10 DAY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES



**QUARANTINE
THROUGH DAY 7**
since date of last exposure

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Negative test result
(specimen collected on
Day 5 or later)
and then release from
quarantine after Day 7

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Person must remain
asymptomatic prior to release
and continue to monitor
through Day 14

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If a person has not received
negative test results by Day 7,
the person must remain in
quarantine until their negative
test result is received



**QUARANTINE
THROUGH DAY 10**
since date of last exposure

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**NO TEST
NEEDED**

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Person must remain
asymptomatic prior to release
and continue to monitor
through Day 14

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**Those in long-term care facilities
are encouraged to adhere to a
14-day quarantine period.*

