

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) GENERAL RE-OPENING GUIDANCE AND POLICIES**

**I. PURPOSE** – This Policy is adopted to assist the Standing Rock Community Grant School (SRCGS) with establishing Re-opening guidelines for the 2020-2021 School Year. It is adopted to provide notice and guidance to decrease the transmission of the COVID 19, while maintaining a strong education system.

This guidance is applicable to the Elementary, Junior High and High School. It is equally applicable to students and all staff members. The SRCGS will implement enhanced safety and cleaning precautions such as increased hand sanitizer availability, increased frequency of cleaning and monitoring high traffic spaces.

This guidance is adopted in order to provide uniformity of actions and expectations in the Schools. The guidance provided is also a recognition that the COVID-19 Pandemic presents rapidly changing circumstances that require actions that may or may not be covered by the guidelines, but require immediate action. In the event of such an event or occurrence, the SRCGS Board of Directors shall amend the guidelines to suit the situation.

**II. INTRODUCTION** – Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for sign of infectious illness every day. Do **NOT** send your child to school if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

1. Fever (100 degrees or higher)
2. Loss of taste and/or smell

Do **NOT** send your child to school if two or more of the following symptoms are present:

1. Fatigue
2. Headache
3. Muscle/body aches
4. Chills
5. Cough
6. Shortness of breath
7. Sore throat
8. Congestion/runny nose
9. Nausea
10. Vomiting diarrhea
11. Abdominal pain

**III. EMPLOYEE AND STUDENT SCREENING** - Thermometer guns will be available in all buildings for non-contact temperature monitoring. Thermometer Kiosk stations will be located at the front doors of the school buildings to allow for temperature readings.

1. All employees should immediately report the onset of any fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of smell or taste to their direct supervisor and the school nurse. Employees and students who are ill should not return to work until their symptoms have been resolved.

2. The Schools shall post signage requesting that people who have been symptomatic are not to enter the building.

**IV. MASKING** – All students and employees will be required to wear masks or face coverings in the following situations:

1. Hallways or anywhere else where six (6) feet of distance cannot be maintained.
2. Any indoor event;
3. When interacting in person with others; and
4. When riding in campus buses or other school vehicles with more than one person

**V. HYGIENE PRACTICES** – The maintenance and kitchen staff shall develop a daily routine of environmental cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces and shared equipment.

1. Students and staff should avoid sharing electronic devices, books, toys and other games or learning aids when possible. Students shall keep personal items in individually labeled cubbies, containers, desks or lockers.
2. Alcohol based hand sanitizers will be available in numerous locations throughout the schools including the entrances to every building.
3. Students or employees wearing cloth masks should change masks on a daily basis and wash the masks daily after use.
4. All employees are responsible to routinely (daily) clean and disinfect their classrooms, offices and/or work spaces.
5. Classrooms and offices will have protective barriers installed to lessen the potential spread of infectious droplets, which must be cleaned daily.
6. Facilities shall insure that filters are routinely inspected and changed per recommended guidelines.
7. Classroom seating will be arranged to allow for social distancing with desks and work spaces arranged 6 feet apart. Desks and work should all face the same direction or away from each other.
8. Students are responsible to routinely clean and disinfect their work spaces. This includes all frequently touched surfaces.
9. Student water fountains will be available only to fill water bottles.
10. A classroom with a confirmed case should close down immediately for deep cleaning.

**VI. HANDLING SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASES** – Any student or employee who tests positive or who has symptoms will be required to self-isolate immediately. The school nurse and building Principal shall also be notified.

1. Any student or employee who is considered to be in close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19 will also be required to self-quarantine immediately for 14 days and contact shall be made with the School Nurse, the building Principal and appropriate health officials.
2. Each building shall establish a dedicated space for symptomatic individuals who are waiting to go home. This space shall be separate from areas where student health services are delivered to those who are well and need routine care.

3. Individuals with two temperature readings of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home and may only return to school after 48 hours of no symptoms without medications. These individuals must contact the school nurse to coordinate a return to work or school screening.
4. A positive COVID-19 shall self-isolate for 14 days since the onset of symptoms and a minimum of 24 hours has elapsed since the fever ended and any symptoms have improved.
5. Close contact with someone in the household or school who is positive for COVID-19 should self-quarantine for 14 days and contact shall be made with the School nurse, building principal and notification given to the SRST Tribal Health.
6. Students required to isolate or quarantine will be required to complete coursework virtually.
7. Notification of positive COVID diagnosis or close contact shall be made to the Department of Health, SRST Tribal Health or the Custer Health Department.
8. Upon return to work or school the employee or student shall be required to provide confirmation that the individual meets the CDC criteria for return from isolation or quarantine.

**VII. EMPLOYEE, STUDENT MEETINGS AND SMALL GROUPS** - All small meetings and groups shall be limited to 25 people provided the following can be achieved;

1. Tables and chairs will be spaced 6 feet apart. Outdoor venues or zoom meetings are encouraged.
2. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available.
3. Eating and drinking in meeting and in shared spaces should be discouraged.
4. Temperature checks at the door.
5. Require Masks.

**VIII. EMPLOYEE, STUDENT EVENTS AND LARGE GATHERINGS** – Student events and large meetings (greater than 25 people) may only be conducted if:

1. Bleachers and seating can be arranged to allow for social distancing, i.e., 6 feet apart.
2. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available.
3. Eating and drinking in meeting and in shared spaces should be discouraged.
4. Temperature checks at the door.
5. Require Masks.

**IX. EMPLOYEES IN CARPOOLS** – Employees who travel to work in carpools and who become symptomatic of COVID-19 will be taken home in a school vehicle. The other employees in the carpool will follow the protocol for close contact self-quarantine, outlined above.

**X. EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

1. School vehicles will be equipped with face masks, hand sanitizer, emesis bags and Lysol/Clorox spray.
2. Each driver will be required to wear a face mask, face shield/google and gloves.

3. Each vehicle utilized for student or employee transportation will be wiped down with disinfectant wipes and sprayed upon return of the vehicle.

**XI. STUDENT ATHLETICS** – All Individuals participating in or attending athletic events will have temperature screening performed when entering any school building. Student athletes who are feeling ill, must notify their coach immediately.

1. Athletic training rooms shall be situated in such a manner as to achieve 6 feet spacing. High touch equipment or surfaces will be sanitized before and after use. Basketballs and other shared equipment will be disinfected as much as possible. Game balls will be rotated and disinfected regularly. Student athletes must have their own water bottles. No shared water bottles will be available.
2. Scrimmages will be conducted without fan attendance.
3. No pre-game or post-game handshakes will be conducted.
4. Players will go from the locker rooms to the gym and directly back to the locker room.
5. Social distancing and mask requirements will be enforced inside of any school buildings and in any school vehicles carrying more than two individuals.
6. Ice will only be issued by the coaches.
7. Taping stations must be spaced 6 feet apart and disinfected after each use.
8. Training room access will be determined by the Coach.
9. Individuals traveling with the team on the school bus will have their temperature checked prior to boarding.
10. Individuals or athletes with two consecutive temperature readings greater than 100 degrees will not be allowed to participate in the event or ride on the school bus.
11. The school bus must be sanitized and disinfected after each use.
12. Practice uniforms and game uniforms will be placed in separate containers from the towels. Appropriate PPE will be required

**XII. FOOD SERVICES** - Breakfast and Lunch meals will be prepared and delivered to the classrooms.

1. Eating utensils will be disposable along with condiments.
2. Milk juice and other beverages will be served in sealed containers and delivered with the meals.
3. Only kitchen staff will be allowed in the kitchen area.
4. Face masks and gloves are required in the kitchen area.
5. The kitchen area will be disinfected after each food/meal preparation and at the end of each day.
6. Sack lunches will be prepared for athletic activities or other student outings.

**XIII. SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION** - Parents/ Guardians are encouraged to transport their children to school in their personal vehicles.

1. Students will have their temperature checked prior to boarding. Any individual with a temperature reading of 100 or greater will not be permitted to board the bus.

2. Students will be required to wear a mask.
3. Seats will be taped off to allow for social distancing.
4. The bus used for transportation will be cleaned and disinfected after each use

**XIV. STUDENT COMPLIANCE** - Students are required to follow the re-opening guidelines. Failure to comply with COVID-19 related safety measures may result in a student being asked to leave a physical location. Non-compliance may also result in a student Code of Conduct violation and disciplinary action.

**XV. EMPLOYEE COMPLIANCE** - All employees are required to follow the re-opening guidelines. Failure to comply with COVID-19 related safety measures may result in an individual being asked to leave a physical location. Non-compliance may also result in disciplinary action.