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Start Well 2024
Return to Learn Winner School District 59-2
Levels and Resulting Consequences

Level One: Case(s) in our community but not in our school. SD DOH recommends school remains in session and to follow guidelines provided in Winner School District Return to Learn Plan and Process Document.

This level includes when a single student or staff member has been identified as in close contact of a positive Covid19 case outside of the school community. SD DOH recommends school remains in session and to follow guidelines provided in Winner School District Return to Learn Plan and Process Document.

Level Two: Single student or staff member identified as a positive Covid19 case. SD DOH recommends that school officials reassess processes looking for gaps in prevention strategies. CDC and SD DOH recommend closing off areas used by the sick person and waiting 24 hours (if feasible) before cleaning and disinfecting. DOH will contact school administration for further instruction and contact tracing information. SD DOH recommends that schools may stay open and follow guidelines provided in Winner School District Return to Learn Plan and Process Document.

Possible closure scenarios:

1. Specific grade levels or classrooms only
2. K-5th grade, 6th grade, 7-8 grade, or 9-12th grade only
3. Hybrid schedule with only a portion of the students
4. 72 hour cleaning cycles
5. 5 day quarantine cycles
6. Students only
7. Students and staff

Level Three: Multiple active positive COVID-19 cases in our school within 14 days of the first positive case in our school. SD DOH recommend that school officials review data to understand levels of spread within the building. SD DOH will guide the Winner School District in coronavirus contact tracing and further decision making. The Winner School District and the SD DOH will examine data and recommend closure of the school for a time appropriate with the situation.

Options for remote learning attendance:

1. All staff report to school, students do not
2. All facilities closed to all

The Winner School District will remain in Level Three until positive cases have been determined to no longer be contagious, the amount of quarantine days have passed, no other positive cases have been covered and the SD DOH has been contacted for guidance and recommendations.

* Protocol for Voluntary Face Coverings Use

Any student or staff member who prefers to wear a face covering/mask for personal protection against COVID19 will be supported. Proper use of the mask is required if a student or staff member decides to use a mask:

1. Mask must be neutral and not have any color/design that may impede the learning environment.
2. Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
3. Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
4. Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
5. Make sure you can breathe easily

If any student continuously misuses their voluntary face covering:

1. Parents/guardians will be contacted
2. Parents/guardian/student will be given the option to either remain in school without their face covering, or upon request of parent/guardian will be sent home.

If a WSD student is deemed to be a COVID close contact by the school/Department of Health or tests positive for COVID, the DOH recommended quarantine period will be mandatory. On 10-11-21, the board of education passed a motion to allow students identified as COVID close contacts to return to school during their recommended quarantine period, so long as they are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID.

WSD employees have been deemed as essential workers so if they are deemed as a COVID close contact they may attend work so long as they are not experiencing symptoms of COVID. If the employee tests positive for COVID, the DOH recommended quarantine period will be mandatory.

WSD Point of Contact for this policy is Superintendent, Keven Morehart at 605-842-8101.

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