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## St. Francis Indian School Covid-19 Plan 2021-22 (Rev 5/25/21; Rev. 6/15/21)

### Background

The purpose of the St. Francis Indian School Covid-19 Plan is to identify and respond to Covid-19 related measures within the district's schools and district office while resuming classroom instruction. St. Francis Indian School Covid-19 Plan outlines the expectations of staff/faculty; roles and responsibilities; internal and external communications; and references defined by local, tribal, state, and federal entities.

### Definition

Coronavirus COVID-19: On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced the official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of the disease is coronavirus disease in 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona', 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease.

Additionally, Pursuant to Policy 7.12(e) that upon the return of students to the classroom, all employees prior to returning to work, shall be vaccinated for COVID19. Employees who refuse to receive a vaccination shall be placed on unpaid furlough until such time as a vaccination is received, unless a written statement is provided which has been signed by a medical provider verifying that the employee's health is adversely affected by a COVID vaccination or an approved documented declaration of religious beliefs that preclude being vaccinated.

### Precautions - What we will do as school and district personnel:

- Reduce the risk and spread by encouraging physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, sanitization, wearing masks, hallway flow plans, adjusting lunch procedures, recess modifications and spacing of students in classrooms and buses.
- Be aware of illness/symptoms in the student body and contact a student's family immediately if a student exhibits symptoms.
- Monitor positive COVID-19 cases and its spread in the St. Francis Indian School and follow — as we would with any community health concern — the recommendation of health department officials regarding school closures, modified school schedules or in-school adjustments.
- Continue to refine our digital curriculum and in person instruction to meet the needs of distance learning and in class learning, while grandfathering in hybrid and face to face instruction.
- Modify our method of delivery, however necessary, to ensure the health and well-being of students and staff.

### Preparedness and prevention guidance

The South Dakota Department of Health issued the information below regarding COVID-19. Common Symptoms: Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath. It takes 2 to 14 days after a person gets the virus in their body to become ill.

#### How it is spread:

- Most often, it is spread from person-to-person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, similar to how flu and other respiratory pathogens spread. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Often, with most respiratory viruses, people are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

#### Students, staff, and volunteers should seek medical evaluation for COVID-19:

- Sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing;
- Sick with fever, cough, or difficulty breathing AND
  - Have been identified by public health officials as a recent close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case; or
  - Have had recent close contact with someone who is being evaluated for COVID-19 infection.

### Updated CDC Guidelines

Local public health authorities determine and establish the Isolation or quarantine options for their jurisdictions. CDC currently recommends an Isolation period of 10 days and a quarantine period of 14 days. However, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives. **CDC recommends schools to continue to use the current COVID-19 Prevention strategies for the 2021-22 school year.**

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
  - With this strategy, residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 1% with an upper limit of about 10%.
- *When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
  - With this strategy, the residual post-quarantine transmission risk is estimated to be about 5% with an upper limit of about 12%.

In both cases, additional criteria (e.g., continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14) must be met.

These recommendations are based on the best information available in November 2020 and reflect the realities of an evolving pandemic. CDC will continue to closely monitor the evolving science for information that would warrant reconsideration of these recommendations.

In the event, SFIS is notified prior to the Department of Health, Tribe and BIE, SFIS will initiate a call so contact tracing can proceed.

CLOSE CONTACT	POSITIVE TEST
<p><b>CLOSE CONTACT (Quarantine)</b>            Defined as any individual who was within 3 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset.</p> <p><b>A Department of Health representative or Tribal Representative will contact all persons identified as close contacts (or the guardian if the contact is a minor).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff or student will need to communicate their status to their supervisor (supervisor or employee must also notify school nurse or health tech) as soon as possible/within 24 hours <b>and follow up with the Department of Health letter or Tribal Representative letter.</b></li> </ul> <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any staff notified as a Close Contact will need to quarantine for 7-14 days</li> <li>● The staff member or student may return on day 8 if they have a negative test on day 5, 6 or 7. They will still need to monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days.</li> </ul> <p>Stay Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monitor symptoms daily</li> <li>○ Work remotely               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Instructional continues</li> <li>■ Non-instructional staff will be assigned to make calls to parents/guardians each day.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student may return on day 8 if they have a negative test on day 5, 6 or 7. They will still need to monitor for symptoms for the full 14 days.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stay Home</li> <li>○ Monitor symptoms daily</li> <li>○ Remote Learning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>POSITIVE COVID19 (Isolation)</b></p> <p>Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any staff confirmed with COVID19 virus should follow the guidance of the doctor or health professional</li> <li>● Staff or student will need to communicate their status to their supervisor (supervisor or employee must also notify school nurse or health tech) as soon as possible/within 24 hours <b>and follow up with the Department of Health letter or Tribal Representative letter.</b></li> <li>● 10 days administrative leave will be given upon submission of the documentation with additional days determined by the Department of Health, Physician, and/or situation.</li> <li>● Stay Home</li> <li>● Avoid Contact with others</li> <li>● Do not share household items</li> <li>● Monitor symptoms daily</li> </ul> <p>Student</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any student confirmed with COVID19 virus should follow the guidance of the doctor or health professional</li> <li>● Guardians will need to communicate the status to the school principal as soon as possible/within 24 hours by phone.</li> <li>● Stay Home</li> <li>● Avoid Contact with others</li> <li>● Do not share household items</li> <li>● Monitor symptoms daily</li> <li>● Remote Learning</li> </ul>

**Essential Services**

SFIS’s 2020-2021 plan is designed to insure little to no interruption of essential services such as academic instruction, technology services, student feeding/food distribution, facility construction, facility cleaning and district and school maintenance.

**Essential Employees**

The employees of St. Francis Indian School identified as involved with essential services such as academic instruction, technology services, student feeding/food distribution, facility construction, facility cleaning and district and school maintenance.

**Employee Recommendations:**

- Face-coverings required
- 3-foot distancing required
- Good hand hygiene practices
- Health Screening and temperature check completed at home
  - Early notification to SFIS Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage
- Employees that carpool are to use a mask in the carpool to minimize close contact spreading of the virus.

**Instructional Delivery**

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS	SCHOOL OPEN WITH STUDENTS
<p><b>Recommendation by School District School Board, RST, and the State of South Dakota based on current conditions, ordinances, and guidance.</b></p> <p><b>Remote Learning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All staff report to building sites and follow COVID19 Plan.</li> <li>● Instructional Delivery will be through Remote Learning to include both online and paper packets.</li> <li>● Students will not return to school except for individual needs related to their mental health or individualized plan.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Return to School to include Face to Face and Hybrid options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Remote Learning.</li> <li>● Hybrid to be determined by either flex days (Monday &amp; Wednesday; Tuesday &amp; Thursday) and distance learning or ½ days and distance learning.</li> <li>● Full return to school.</li> </ul>

**School Facilities**

Disinfection and sanitation: In an effort to prevent and/or reduce the spread of COVID-19, SFIS has and continues to use disinfectants and sanitizers to kill viruses. In the event of a positive case within a facility, the facility will be closed for additional disinfection and sanitation. Staff and students will work remotely during the closure and resume when completed. The timeline for the closure will be dependent upon the facility size, areas of risk, and custodial staff availability. Meals will not be delivered while the school is closed for disinfection and sanitation.

**If there are multiple suspected/confirmed positive cases in one or all buildings:**

1. Notify administrators, School Nurse, Safety Officer, and the school board president.
2. All staff of the facility where the suspected/confirmed cases are, will be sent home immediately.
3. Close off school buildings for 24 hours before deep cleaning of buildings.
4. BIE will be notified of course of action.
5. Return to work per protocol of deep cleaning of the facility.

**In the unlikely event a staff member or student who may have had close contact but have not received a letter from the state, and are not sick, should notify their supervisor and work out a temporary work area that is applicable to their position with as little contact to others as possible for 7 - 14 days.**

FACILITY OPEN WITH STAFF ONLY	FACILITY OPEN WITH STUDENTS
<p><b>STAFF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face-coverings REQUIRED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3-feet distancing cannot be maintained.</li> <li>○ Close proximity for a total of 15 minutes.</li> <li>○ Any condition that may cause concern.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Health Screening and temperature check completed at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early notification to SFIS Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not applicable, utilizing distance learning during closure.</li> </ul>	<p><b>STAFF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face-coverings REQUIRED under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3-feet distancing cannot be maintained.</li> <li>○ Close proximity for a total of 15 minutes.</li> <li>○ Any condition that may cause concern.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Health Screening and temperature check completed at home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Early notification to SFIS Supervisor by phone to ensure proper coverage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>STUDENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Face-coverings will be provided and will be required under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3-feet distancing cannot be maintained.</li> <li>○ Close proximity for a total of 15 minutes.</li> <li>○ Interacting with a sick individual.</li> <li>○ Any condition that may cause concern.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Health Screening and temperature check completed at home:</li> <li>● Temperatures greater than 100.3 will be sent home through the nurse/health office.</li> </ul>

To help decrease fears and promote prevention of COVID-19 students and staff members who are sick:

- Stay home from work or school. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. Avoid close contact with others who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (at work and home), especially when someone is ill.
- WASH YOUR HANDS for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer. Good hand hygiene can help prevent the spread of germs.

If a staff member or student are showing any symptoms of a fever  $> 100.4$  °F, sore throat, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain, and onset of severe headache:

1. Separate the individual immediately. Move the individual to the designated isolation area. Make sure there are isolation rooms for students and separate one for staff in both buildings.
  - Use proper protective equipment PPE (face mask, face shield, eye protection, gloves, ect.)
  - Notify the immediate supervisor or parent and the school nurse or health tech.
2. School Nurse and/or School Health Tech will offer to do the rapid COVID-19 test onsite.
3. If the test result is negative, Individual will be sent home/or to IHS immediately following test results due to illness and nurse or health tech will
4. Notify administrators/supervisors/parents/guardians.
5. If the test result is Positive, the school nurse or health tech (the only certified Covid-19 contact tracers) will initiate the contact tracing for SFIS and
6. Inform individual to notify their local health care provider:
  - Rosebud IHS: (605) 747-2231
  - Rosebud IHS Public Health Nurse COVID -19 (605)747-0636 or (605)747-2231.
  - Horizon HealthCare-Mission:(605 )856-2295
7. The school nurse or health tech will call parents/guardians to arrange transportation for students. Let the parents/guardians know to call the school upon arrival so the school health official can escort the parent to and from the designated isolation area to limit exposure. If a student needs transportation, there will be a designated staff member to provide transportation.
8. Individual(s) will follow recommendations by SD DOH, RST Task Force, CDC, and SFIS.
9. Close off any area used for prolonged periods of time by the suspected/confirmed individual for 24 hours before cleaning.
10. Clean and disinfect area with EPA approved cleaning products.
11. Document information

If a staff member or student is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 at the school

1. Separate the individual immediately. Move the individual to the designated isolation area

2. Notify the immediate supervisor or parent and the school nurse or health tech.
3. The school nurse or health tech (the only certified Covid-19 contact tracers) will initiate the contact tracing for SFIS
4. School Nurse and/or School Health Tech will offer to do the rapid COVID-19 test onsite.
5. Individual will be sent home/or to IHS immediately following test results
6. Notify parent or guardian and make arrangements for transportation of student. Let the parents/guardians know to call the school upon arrival so the school health official can escort the parent to and from the designated isolation area to limit exposure. If a student is being transported by SFIS, there will be a designated staff member to transport student. Individual(s) will follow recommendations by SD DOH, RST Task Force, CDC, and SFIS.
7. The school nurse or health tech Determine who and where close contacts are of suspected/confirmed individuals while maintaining confidentiality due to American Disabilities Act, HIPAA, and FERPA.
8. Close contacts will be notified by the school nurse or health tech and sent home.
9. Close off any areas used for prolonged periods of time by the suspected/confirmed individual for 24 hours before cleaning.
10. Clean and disinfect area with EPA approved cleaning products.
11. Individual may return to school/work after they have submitted a negative test result to their supervisor and met the SFIS, RST Task Force, SD DOH, and CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation/quarantine.

If a staff member or student comes to work/school who had close contact (within 3 feet for a total of 15 minutes) with a person with a confirmed COVID-19; traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting substantial spread of COVID-19 cases:

1. Separate the individual immediately. Move the individual to the designated isolation area
2. Notify administrators and superintendent
3. Notify parents/guardians.
4. School Nurse and/or School Health Tech will offer to do the rapid COVID-19 test onsite.
5. Individual will be sent home/or to IHS immediately following test results
6. Send the student or staff member home immediately.
7. Inform the staff or student that they will need to stay home and quarantine for 7-14 days and follow recommendations and evaluation from their health care provider, SFIS guidelines, SD DOH, RST Task Force, and CDC guidelines.

#### **Update and Revisions to the SFIS 2021-22 Plan (Revised 5/25/216/15/21)**

The SFIS 2020-021 Plan will be updated with new guidance as it becomes available from CDC, RST, SD Department of Health, and SD Department of Education. This includes the dissemination of any news releases related to the COVID-19 virus.

**CDC recommends schools to continue to use the current COVID-19 Prevention strategies for the 2021-22 school year.**

#### **What families can do:**

- Understand that these guidelines are determined by health, educational and civic professionals commissioned to care for your child, considering the physical environment, time spent in school, and the potential risk to the health of our students, staff and



families.

- Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough, cold or flu symptoms, and have them return only when these symptoms have subsided.
- Create a family plan in case your child is sent home from school due to high temperature or is required to be quarantined or isolated.
- Talk to your child about changes they may notice at school, reinforcing that these measures are in place to preserve their health, and the health of those around them.
- Send your child to school with a mask if possible and encourage them to wear it.
- Prepare as much as possible to adapt to change. As evidenced this past year, things evolve quickly, and schedule modifications and/or closures may be necessary
- Recognize you can choose traditional face-to-face school or a home-based
- distance/online options and, as always, we are happy to assist you with your child's educational needs.
- Know that you as a guardian and parent have the right to keep your child home at any time as you assess risk as it relates to your family.

**Precautions to avoid illness guidance:**

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or cough into your elbow if tissue is not available.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Refraining from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness, such as older adults and people who have chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease, should take action to reduce your risk of exposure.
- Create a family plan to prepare for COVID-19 and develop a stay at home kit with food, water, medication, and other necessary items.

**If you develop symptoms:**

- Call your health care provider immediately and tell them about any recent travel or exposure.
- Individuals who are concerned that they have COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider via phone before going to a clinic or hospital to prevent spread in healthcare facilities.
- Avoid contact with other people.
- Follow the directions of your provider and public health officials and
- Notify the immediate supervisor, or school administrator and the school nurse or health tech.
- The school nurse or health tech (the only certified Covid-19 contact tracers) will initiate the contact tracing for SFIS staff and students and work closely with the RST Task Force, IHS and SD Department of Health.