



September 24, 2021

**School COVID Status:** **YELLOW** –As of Monday, Sept. 20, masks became required for all staff and students, unless a medical excuse is on file. As of today, 9/24, we have one confirmed staff member with COVID along with multiple community members that have been confirmed or exposed within the past week. We do have some students who are quarantining but that is due to exposure outside the school building.

**Masks:** Thank you for reminding your students to bring a mask to school. Masks will be provided to those students who do not have one. **Students will not be required to wear masks during breakfast/lunch or during outside recess or outside PE.**

**UPDATED COVID Protocols:** Protocols for the 2021 school year have been updated. The new protocols can be found at: <https://www.sd282.org/> under Announcements.

**Communication:** *Please be sure to contact the school office at 208-285-1162 if you or your children have been exposed or show symptoms of COVID, so we can be sure that we are following safety protocols.*

**COVID symptoms in children :** This year, like last, is tricky as we are a little more watchful of illness symptoms. Symptoms of COVID in children that are being reported to our local health department include more nausea, diarrhea, vomiting which lasts 2-3 days, along with headache, body ache. If your child has none of these symptoms and just a bit of a stuffy nose or a cough from post nasal drip, allergies etc., they should be okay to send to school. However, if your child has a persistent cough or experiences more of the flu or COVID like symptoms, we ask that you please keep them home and monitor their symptoms until they are feeling well enough to return to school or have tested negative.

**Athletics:** **Masks are required of all spectators for INSIDE sporting events.** We ask that people please respect our requirements so students can keep playing, and parents and fans are able to attend the games. We are still broadcasting games over the NFHS Network. We do ask if you do not feel well to stay home and catch the games over the network. Most of our league schools broadcast over the NFHS Network. If this is of interest, please go to the following link <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/> to create an account and sign up. You can purchase a monthly or an annual subscription, this is also used to broadcast state tournaments.

Thank you for all your support! We appreciate you continuing to support our school district through these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendy Moore, Supt. / Elem. Principal

Mr. Kelly Caldwell, Secondary Administrator