



Dighton USD 482

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Dear Parents/Guardians of USD 482,

We have been made aware of our first positive case of Covid among our staff. Listed below is the protocol we are following at USD 482 to continue to keep all of our students and staff safe, healthy and in school. We will continue to communicate and update parents/guardians with any new or changing information. We will also continue to closely monitor each situation on a case by case basis and make necessary adjustments to these protocols as needed or required. We appreciate your cooperation in communicating with us any illness or symptoms your student/s are experiencing and wish to emphasize that our goal remains in providing a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call myself, Angela Lawrence or building principals, Matt Hendricks and Jennifer Eitel.

General Information:

- If it is discovered that a student has a temperature of 100* or above or vomiting, they will be sent home or isolated until parent/guardian can be reached. Students must be fever or symptom free for at least 24 hours or have a Dr. note before returning to school.
- If a student or staff member discovers that they have been in direct contact with a positive exposure, the district strongly encourages parent/guardian/staff member **to self-report and self-quarantine for 10 days**.
- Student absences will be treated just like any other absence. Student homework will be available for pick up or porch drop off if needed. For each day missed, the student will have a day to make-up the work.
- If a student is quarantined, teachers will provide a packet with homework assignments and needed materials.
- During morning congregation of students in the gymnasium and/or at recess, students will be contained as much as possible to grade levels rather than co-mingling with classes.
- If the district becomes aware of a positive exposure by student/s or staff members, the district will communicate as soon as possible to all parents/guardians and staff and take necessary measures to keep all students and staff as safe as possible. Each incident will be evaluated and monitored and adjustments to protocol will be made if necessary.
- Masks are not required but are allowed at the discretion of each individual student or staff member.

Transportation:

- Masks will be provided and encouraged on the buses/suburbans.

- All buses/suburbans will be equipped with masks and hand sanitizer.
- Buses/suburbans will be sprayed with disinfectant prior to student loading and after the trip return.

Cleaning/Sanitizing:

- Custodians will resume with spraying/misting high traffic areas with disinfectant spray twice daily (before and after school). Areas to be included are: Cafeterias, Gymnasiums, Locker rooms, Restrooms, Fitness Room, Hallways, entry ways and lounge area in DJSHS in front of Mr. Lingg's office
- Custodians will continue to wipe down doorknobs, faucets etc...multiple times per day in both buildings.
- All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer and disinfectant spray (rags) for teachers/students to wipe down desks/tables and chairs between classes, groups etc.
- Custodians will add disinfectant to floor scrubbers they use in cafeterias or gymnasiums if possible.

Health and Hygiene:

- Increased handwashing will be allowed and promoted by teachers/staff to students.
- Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and fill it regularly at the provided water coolers.

Extra and co-curricular:

- All coaches and athletes will be responsible to wipe down all balls and equipment with disinfecting spray prior to and at the end of sports practice.
- The same protocol will be followed in Physical Education Class and Strength Training Class.
- Physical Education instructors will be encouraged to provide outdoor instruction as much as possible, weather permitting.

Sincerely,
Angela Lawrence
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Superintendent
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