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Student Services Return Protocol for 2023-2024

Board Action August 9th, 2021, December 13th, 2021, June 13th, 2022, December 14th, 2022, May 9th, 2023 and December 13th, 2023

Reviewed on September 13th, 2021, and January 10th 2022

All Plans on this Document are Subject to Change with Administration Action

Pre-Screening for Students: We encourage parents to screen their children at home before school starts. Please keep your children home if sick. Students with a temperature of 100 or higher will need to be isolated and parents will be expected to pick them up from school.

Vaccination: COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for everyone ages *6 months and older* in the United States for the prevention of COVID-19

Transportation: Social Distancing will be hard to achieve when riding the school bus. We offer bus routes as an option for parents; it is up to every family whether you want your children to ride or not.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Students: We would encourage parents stay in their vehicle during pick-up and drop-off when possible.

Masks: At this time masks are optional and not a requirement. The school district at some point this year may require masks on district property and in school vehicles. Masks should cover nose and mouth.

Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizing: Hand Sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. Bathroom breaks will be scheduled in such a way as to discourage a lack of social distancing and encourage frequent handwashing. The school district encourages both handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Surface Cleaning: Surfaces will be cleaned with FDEA approved cleaners.

Restrooms: Modular classrooms, each room has its own bathroom. Middle school and High school bathrooms have no doors to enter or exit.

Response to Students who become COVID symptomatic during the day: The Castlewood School District will follow guidance from the South Dakota Department of Health. If a student or staff member becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student/staff member will be sent home.

Positive Cases: COVID Positive test will result in a 5-day isolation requirement for both students and staff. On day 6, students and staff may return to school if asymptomatic and ***masks are recommended in public through day 10***. If a student or staff member becomes sick at school, they will be sent home as soon as possible.

Accessibility: Castlewood School District 28-1 does not discriminate in its educational programs on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or family/marital status. For special accommodations regarding COVID or any other health & safety policies, please contact the Special Education Director at 605-793-2351. Castlewood School District, 310 E. Harry Street, Castlewood SD 57223.

- The district will continue to work with state and local health officials to coordinate efforts to keep students safe and healthy, given the ongoing presence of COVID in our communities and state.

- For questions regarding the district's 2022-2023 Return to School Protocol, please contact Superintendent Peter Books at Peter.Books@k12.sd.us or 605-793-2351.