



2022-2023 Vermillion School Return to School Plan

The Vermillion School District will continue to work in collaboration with local, regional, state, and national resources through the school year to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. VSD recognizes the importance of in person learning, therefore will offer on campus classes for all students during the 2022-2023 School Year.

General Guidelines

- VSD will consider CDC/SD DOH recommendations for positive cases.
- VSD supports the CDC recommendation for COVID-19 vaccinations for children.
- Students and staff are expected to stay home while exhibiting symptoms of illness.
- VSD encourages physical distancing and frequent handwashing throughout the school day and school activities.
- Water bottles are highly recommended. Water bottle fill stations are available in every building.
- Covid related absences will be addressed individually based on student's specific situations.
- The VSD School Board will review this plan at each monthly meeting or more often if necessary.
- The superintendent has the authority to alter this plan as needed based on available data at the time.

Communication

- Parents are expected to communicate positive cases to building administration for the purpose of:
 - Ensuring missed absences are documented as COVID-related.
 - Collecting data to help district administration make informed decisions about local COVID response.
- VSD will communicate to parents positive COVID cases via email notifications:
 - Classroom notifications will be sent for positive cases in all elementary grade levels.
 - Grade level notifications will be sent out for positive cases in the middle school.
 - General notifications for all grade levels will be sent out for positive cases in the high school.

Face Coverings

- Optional for all staff, students and visitors when building positive case load remains below 10 % of building population.
- Required for a 1-week period if positive cases exceed established threshold level of 10 % of building population.
- Face covering mandates will be building specific.
- Any students entering the health office who are exhibiting symptoms of illness may be asked to wear a face covering.
- It will be the responsibility of the individual to follow masking guidelines for

Remote Learning

Black Hills Online will be the remote option for students wishing to not attend VSD in person. <https://www.bholc.org/>. This will be a semester commitment with costs covered by the school district.

Testing

- At-home and on-site testing (with parental consent) will be available to students and staff.

Positive Case – Isolation

- Any student or staff who is positive for COVID will be excluded from school for a 5-day isolation period.
- Students/staff who report positive may return on Day 6 with the recommendation to wear a mask on Days 6-10.

Close Contact – Quarantine

- VSD supports the CDC recommendation that any person exposed COVID-19 should wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days after exposure when in public. **However, the school district will no longer be doing contact tracing for positive case reporting in the school setting.**

Activities

- Activities will return to pre-Covid-19 protocols. There are no restrictions for activity attendance.
- Activities may be restricted or modified at any time in response to COVID-19 mitigations