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This COVID-19 Close Contact Student Leave Procedure is in effect during the COVID-19 State of Emergency in the State of South Dakota and will expire upon termination of this State of Emergency or at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, whichever is sooner. This procedure outlines the steps students should follow in being deemed a close contact for COVID-19. The Lake Preston School District continues to recommend that parents follow Department of Health recommendations in regard to close contacts.

The Lake Preston School District will consider you a close contact to a confirmed positive COVID-19 case if it is determined that you were within 6 feet of the confirmed positive for 15 continuous minutes...

The Lake Preston School District will investigate close contacts once informed to determine, notify, and try to mitigate situations prior to Department of Health contacting parents/students if aware of the positive case.

The Lake Preston School District will advise you to self-quarantine as outlined:

YOU ARE DEEMED...

- **POSITIVE:** Self-quarantine/isolate as advised by the Department of Health and return to school once quarantine has been lifted. Stop isolation only if you've had no fever for at least 24 hours; AND have improved symptoms; AND at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
- **Close Contact to someone in your household:** Self-quarantine as advised by the Department of Health and return to school once quarantine has been lifted. Even if feeling well, stay at home for 10 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. Watch for COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Close Contact in School:** Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 10 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school **5 calendar days** from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Close contacts are required to wear masks and social distance as permitted throughout the school day if they return to school prior to the end of the DOH recommended quarantine timeframe. If student develops symptoms from day 6 to 10, they would be required to quarantine for the remainder of the 10 days. Athletes will not be required to wear masks during competition.
- **Close Contact Outside of School:** Close contacts are encouraged to follow the DOH recommendation to quarantine for 10 days from the time of exposure. However, parents have the option to send the child back to school **5 calendar days** from the time of exposure if the child is symptom-free. Close contacts are required to wear masks and social distance as permitted throughout the school day if they return to school prior to the end of the DOH recommended quarantine timeframe. If student develops symptoms from day 6 to 10, they would be required to quarantine for the remainder of the 10 days. Athletes will not be required to wear masks during competition.

The Lake Preston School District will ask you to do the following upon return from a 5-day quarantine through the remainder of the 10 days:

- Pre-screen your health before school and regularly monitor throughout the day.
- Wear a mask at all times except for lunch and student would sit 6 feet away from students during lunch.
- Social distance as permitted.
- If the student/parent does not abide by these terms, they would continue quarantine out of the school building for the remainder of the 10 days.

The Lake Preston School District will implement distance learning plans for the student set by the expectations of elementary, middle school, and high school principals/teachers.



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NEW! Modification to CDC Quarantine Guidelines:

- CDC recommends 14 days of quarantine from the day of last exposure to a person with COVID-19. The quarantine period is the length of the incubation period (or how long it may take a person to become ill with COVID-19) for COVID-19.
- Based on evolving knowledge of COVID-19, CDC was able to provide alternatives that use additional information, specifically a close contact's development of symptoms and testing for COVID-19, to decrease the length of quarantine.
- CDC has provided two alternatives that have been adopted by SD-DOH:
 - Release from quarantine after 7 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Has a negative molecular or rapid antigen test that was collected on Day 5 or later, after their last contact with a person with COVID-19 (i.e., Day 5 of their quarantine or later)
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick
 - Release from quarantine after 10 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Is not tested on Day 5 or later of quarantine
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick

QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

COMPARING THE NEW 7 & 10 DAY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

