

Menno School District Close Contact Policy Update

(passed by school board 10/5/2020)

SD Department of Health's Recommendations for Temporary Exclusion from a School Setting

1. When staff, parents and/or the DOH notify the school of a positive COVID case, designated personnel will conduct contact tracing.
2. The district will use social distancing and/or use of masks, as well as the length of the close contact, in determining whether an individual is considered a potential close contact.
3. Students and/or staff members will not be deemed in close contact if they were able to social distance (6 feet away and/or less than 15 minutes) and/or wore a mask during the time of close contact. School personnel will continue to track these individuals through what would be their recommended quarantine date.
4. Students and staff members recommended to quarantine who remain in school must show no COVID-19 symptoms, wear a mask at all times when they are not able to socially distance and will be required to have their temperature checked during the school day through the recommended quarantine date.
5. Students who were not able to social distance and did not wear a mask during a time of close contact, will be required to stay home from school for the duration of the designated quarantine time.
6. After investigative measures for contact tracing, a list of staff or students identified as close contacts, will be submitted to the Department of Health. Close contacts will be contacted by designated school personnel and asked to quarantine if they meet the criteria.
7. The DOH conducts out of school close contact investigations and recommends who should be quarantined. Out of school, close contacts determined by the DOH are required to quarantine if they meet their criteria.