



Warner School District 6-5

Return to school plan 2022-23

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As we consider beginning the 2021-22 School Year, we need to proceed with caution and flexibility. Various practices from the previous school year will remain in place, while others will be relaxed to create a more reasonable school environment. Several of the adjustments from the previous year will remain due to academic and social impact while providing mitigation efforts as well.

For Return to School 2021-22 we will begin at a “Neutral Phase” while maintaining the flexibility to shift to the “White Phase” if we see an increase in infection rate or the introduction of more contagious variants:

- 1) Masks are optional/encouraged for all individuals not able to socially distance themselves or provide a higher level of health safety. Teachers can require masks to make others more at ease in their classroom.
- 2) Classrooms have been organized to create the most distance between students as possible. Additional seating has been created to maximize social distancing.
- 3) Individuals who test positive or are deemed a ‘close contact’ by SD Department of Health are still subject to quarantine procedures outlined by DOH. The school will provide short-term remote learning for students who are required to quarantine.
- 4) We still ask parents to screen their children and monitor for symptoms at home; the virus is still present and poses a threat to the health of the school and community.
- 5) School visitors will be limited to academic reasons and asked to check in at the office upon arrival.
- 6) Parents are asked to remain in/near their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up
- 7) Students will not be allowed in the building prior to 8:00am unless attending Before Care or receiving assistance from a staff member.
- 8) MS/HS Students are asked to use Door #12/#16/#22; Elementary Door #1; Students riding the bus Door #2. We will program the doors to be open from 8:00-8:25 every morning.

If we need to transition to the “White Phase” we will shift to the following requirements:

Pre-Screening for Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will screen their children at home for fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. • Questions to ask your child: Do you have a cough? Do you have a sore throat? Do you have shortness of breath? • Daily temp checks <u>required</u> for your child. • Call a medical professional if symptomatic. • Students do not report to school if symptomatic.
Pick-Up/Drop-Off of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School buildings will open at 8:00 a.m. every morning, unless students are attending before care. • Parents need to remain in vehicles and not enter the school when dropping off and picking up students.
Masks Additional masking information can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks will be required on the bus and in the hallway/common areas of the school. • Masks are required to enter the building until your student is in their classroom.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will need to provide a mask for their child to wear in school when needed. If your child forgets his/her mask, the school will provide one to your child for the day.
Hand Washing/Hand Sanitizing https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand Sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, at the main entrance of the school, and at the office. Hand washing will be taught and encouraged.
Breakfast/Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be spread out throughout the lunchroom and gym. We have implemented a touchless scanner to scan I.D. badges for entering of lunch numbers. MS/HS students will not be able to share/pass food between each other. Longer breaks between lunches for extra disinfecting/cleaning.
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Fountains will be turned off, but bottle fillers will be kept on. Students will need to bring a water bottle to school.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors who enter the building will be required to wear a mask and need to check in at the office. For all students who need to leave the building (have an appointment, are ill, need to leave early, etc.) parents will call the school office upon arrival so students can be released.
Parental Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents wanting to pick up their student after school will need to wait in their vehicle outside instead of in the lunchroom. Drop off, if not riding the bus, is at 8:00 a.m. JK-5 students will be sent to Before Care if they are at the school before 8:00 and be charged for this service. 6-12 students are not allowed in the building before 8:00 a.m. unless they are meeting with a teacher/staff member. Pick up needs to be done by 3:30 p.m. for JK-5 students unless they are attending the After-School Program. 6-12 students need to leave the school by 3:30 p.m. unless they are at a practice or are meeting with a teacher/staff member. In an effort to assist in contact tracing if needed, seating charts will be utilized in every classroom.

Warner School Tiers

Tier 1 WHITE – Safe	Tier 2 BLUE – Caution	Tier 3 RED - Stop
No Community Spread in the building	Start of Community Spread	Community Spread Continues

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks will be required in the hallways • Masks will be required on the bus and when entering the school • Masks will be highly recommended • Masks may be used in some classrooms and will be left up to teacher discretion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks will be required for Grades 9-12 all day • Masks will be required for Grades JK-8 when they are in the hallway and common areas. • Masks may be used in some of the classrooms Grades JK-8 and will be left up to teacher discretion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning will take place for up to 2 weeks for all students
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How to clean the cloth masks:

- Place mask in bag and take home to launder.
- Wash in regular home laundry
- Recommended is to wash in hot water and dry OR
- Wash in cool or warm water but dry in a hot dryer
- Wash mask daily

Respiratory Etiquette Information:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Throw tissue in the trash when finished.
- Wash your hands immediately after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. To help not spread germs, wash your hands frequently.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick.

Additional material available at

https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/hygiene/etiquette/coughing_sneezing.html

Cleaning Procedures and Practices:

Custodians: will clean classrooms, disinfect high touch points (including but not limited to water fountains and door handles), and bathrooms daily. Cleaning products are aligned with the EPA recommendations. HVAC units are cleaned and maintained with MERV 13 filters. The filters are utilized and changed as outlined by industry standards. Additionally, the HVAC system will maintain the increased outside air flow volumes as recommended by control system experts.

Teachers: Each teacher will have a spray bottle with cleaner with a rotational set of cloths for systematic cleaning or utilize sanitary wipes. Teacher/educational staff are encouraged to address high touch areas as they see appropriate.

We will continue to follow CDC recommendations for cleaning which are found at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nvcov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

Instructional Services/Remote Learning:

The Warner School District is JK-12 one-to-one. Our students have access to either a Chrome Tablet or Chromebook that will allow them to work remotely if necessary. Student will utilize 'See Saw' or Google Classroom to work remotely and all classrooms are equipped with cameras that allow for two-way audio/video interactions. Since all students were actively engaged in remote learning during the Spring of 2020, and all returned to school during the 2020-21; we have accessed little to no learning loss. We worked with identified groups to address learning loss over the summer. We additionally made appropriate adjustments for students with special needs for learning environment and health requirements.

Mental Health Services for Staff and Students:

The Warner School District recognizes COVID-19 Pandemic has added additional stress on everyone. We will do our best to provide information that can help ease the stress and tips that will help manage the additional stress. School counselor will be available to assist as best fit and additional information can be found at the links below.

Early Childhood-- https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/parental-resources/early-childhood/index.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fdaily-life-coping%2Fparental-resource-kit%2Fearly-childhood.html

Children-- <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/help-children-cope/index.html>

Teens-- <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/teens-young-adults-support/index.html>

Staff-- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/mental-health-non-healthcare.html>

Student Health/Contact Tracing:

The Warner School District will work with SD DOH to assist in contact tracing to help slow the spread of the COVID-19. We can also test for COVID-19 using BinaxNOW nasal swab tests if parent(s) approve. Information pertaining to contact tracing can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html> We would recommend anyone who is not feeling well to monitor for symptoms, seek professional guidance and get tested. If students or staff test positive, please self-isolate, if you are a 'close-contact' follow appropriate guidelines and closely monitor for developing symptoms. Symptom information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> If students or staff develop symptoms, contact the school. Vaccinations are not required by the school district but encouraged for those who are eligible.

If you have any questions, please reach out via email to Superintendent Michael Kroll (Michael.kroll@k12.sd.us) or call the school (605-225-6194).