

Reopening Plan

South Stacey

2020-21 **2021-2022**

The following guidelines will be in place when South Stacey Elementary School reopens on September 1, 2020. These guidelines are due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are established to help ensure the safety of our staff, students and their families. The guidelines will remain in place until the South Stacey Board of Trustees sees fit to lift them. The Board of Trustees has adopted the 1900 Series COVID-19 Emergency Policies, and in doing so, these guidelines are needed to meet the requirements of The Montana Office of Public Instruction and the State of Montana.

*Changes to these guidelines will be determined by mandates put in place by our County Health Department and/or the Governor of Montana. ([June 2021](#))

Goals

- ☒ Provide for the physical safety and the emotional need of our students and staff.
- ☒ Provide educational opportunities to meet the specific needs of our students.

School Year/School Day

- ☒ South Stacey School will follow the 2020-21 school calendar adopted by the Board.
- ☒ School doors will open daily **at 8:00am** and will be locked **at 4:15pm**
- ☒ All students will be required to attend classes. **(This includes both onsite and online students).**
- ☒ The District will follow attendance policies.
- ☒ Parents will be required to sign an “opt out” form provided by the district for the child(ren) to **receive online / at home** educational services. (Policy 1908F)

Instruction

- ☒ Onsite students will follow the traditional schedule.
- ☒ **Zoom Meet will be the live streaming platform used by South Stacey Public School for our online students.**
- ☒ Attendance will be taken each period for both onsite and at home students.
- ☒ **Homework, assignments, projects and assessments are to be completed and sent through Google Classroom / Or use hard copies for offsite learning?**

☒ The grading system adopted by the Board of Trustees will be followed.

Safety Protocols

A. Physical Distancing—South Stacey School will adhere to State and Local mandates regarding physical distancing requirements. It is expected students, families and community members adhere to the recommendations of the district.

B. Students Who Are Ill—***Students feeling sick, ill or feverish at school will be isolated from the other students and the parent will be called for pickup. Students running a temperature above 100.2 degrees will be sent home.***

Once the fever is controlled for 48 hours without medication, the student will be allowed to return to school.

C. Face Coverings—South Stacey School will follow State and County directives regarding the use of face masks/face shields in the school building. Face coverings will be optional for students if Powder River County meets criteria regarding the use of face coverings. South Stacey School encourages all individuals to wear a face covering while on school grounds.

School employees will be required to wear a face covering when in contact with a sick student or if the county meets the 4 active positive cases in Powder River County.

As of April 2021, Montana's Governor has lifted the mask mandate.

D. Sanitation—Students and staff will be expected to sanitize their areas when arriving in class. Hand sanitizing stations will be stationed throughout the school building.

Sanitizing wipes will be placed for use by students and staff.

F. Cleaning Buildings—Custodial staff will clean school building each night.

G. Student Temperatures—Student temperatures will be taken daily and parents contacted if the child's temperature is 100.2 or higher.

H. Hydration— Individual water bottles are required use of water fountains are not allowed.

September 2020 a water distributor has been installed for clean and purification of water.

Meals

☒ ***Lunch will be served in the lunchroom with lunch tables distanced to meet state guidelines. Children will bring their own packaged lunches from home. (Sept. 2020)***

Playground

Students and Staff will sanitize all equipment following structured recess times.

Technology

☒ If a student is in need of a tablet or laptop, notify South Stacey Staff to check out a

district device. The student is responsible for the care of the device while in his / her possession.

Positive Cases

During this school year, we will encounter obstacles. It is possible, or even likely, there will be a positive case in the South Stacey community or potentially in our school. Should Powder River County Public Health identify a positive case in our school, the District will follow all guidance provided by our local public health officials. ([County Health Nurse, Darlynn Williams \(406\) 436-2297](#))
[March 2021](#)

Should a student, faculty, or staff member be tested positive for COVID-19, Powder River County Public Health will conduct a contact tracing assessment and notify all pertinent individuals. The district will, while maintaining confidentiality, announce the appropriate information. An approved disinfecting and sanitizing regime will be implemented immediately.

Students, faculty, or staff who are mandated to quarantine will be expected to do so. The District will not permit entry to our school building for quarantined individuals.

****Current guidance tells us: Individuals wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) during the time of exposure to an infected person are NOT considered to be primary contacts.***

Although face-coverings may not be required, they are considered appropriate PPE and are highly encouraged. [Employees will be provided information about the Covid-19 vaccines that are available](#)

[in Powder River County, but are not required to be employed at the South Stacey Elementary School.](#)
[May 2021](#)