

Madison Central School District #39-2

Mr. Joel Jorgenson
Superintendent
Email: joel.jorgenson@k12.sd.us
www.madison.12.sd.us

800 NE 9th Street, Madison, SD 57042
Telephone: (605) 256-7700
Fax: (605) 256-7711

Madison Central School District Parents/Guardians,

As we look to August and the start of the school year, there are currently many unknowns with what the status of the Covid-19 pandemic will be at that point in time. So, as we look to prepare for the start of the school year please know the safety of all will be our priority. It would be wonderful if I could tell you today, exactly how the start of the school year will look, however any information on the start of the school year at this point in time would not be accurate. The plan is to have information in place and distributed by late July so that we can provide the most accurate information possible.

As of today, our plans are to be back in the classrooms for the start of the school year as scheduled on August 20, 2020. Currently we are making plans as we move forward through the 2020-2021 school year.

- 1) Traditional start to the school year with additional modifications in place (See list below)
- 2) Modified start to the school year if needed
- 3) Distance Learning – this option is in place if needed (With the intent to return to in-person as soon as possible)

We will rely on health and safety information to drive our decisions on methods to use for providing the best education opportunities for students.

As stated earlier, our current plans are to start the school year in as normal of a setting as possible. We would still ask families to have plans in place in the event we would need to move to a distance learning format at some point in time due to increased cases in our area. Again, the distance learning is not our first option, but will be in place in the event we have to close the buildings because health conditions dictate.

Having said the above, we are committed to doing everything within our means to have as normal of a start to the school year as possible with students back in our buildings. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time as we work together for the success and wellbeing of all involved.

A short survey to be filled out by parents/guardians will be sent out soon.

Below please see a list of some of the modifications we are currently planning on for the start of the school year:

- Deep cleaning of all areas within our facilities
- Additional hand sanitizer stations located in key locations
- Multiple daily cleaning of the bathrooms and high usage areas
- Limiting outside access into the facilities (Including no parents allowed in the lunchroom with students)
- Modifications to our schedule for changing between classes
- Modifications to our daily schedules to allow for additional hand washing during the day
- Continued hand washing lessons for proper hygiene
- Student lunch in lunchroom, classroom, and gym area to limit the number of students in any one area
- Buses to be sanitized twice daily
- Require parents to self-screen children for any health concerns before school each day
- Additional temperature checks at school as needed
- Require staff to self-screen for any health concerns before school each day
- Designated areas in each building for children who may not feel well to be checked

*Madison Central School District Mission Statement:
To educate all students to fully achieve their personal and academic potential as life long learners skilled in communication,
problem solving and global responsibility.*

Madison Central School District #39-2

Mr. Joel Jorgenson
Superintendent
Email: joel.jorgenson@k12.sd.us
www.madison.12.sd.us

800 NE 9th Street, Madison, SD 57042
Telephone: (605) 256-7700
Fax: (605) 256-7711

- Protocol in place for the transportation of students
- Only one family per seat on a bus
- Assigned seating on the bus
- Hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the bus
- Encourage parents to drop off/pick up students to help with bus numbers if possible
- Plexi-glass barriers added to many areas of the facilities
- Change in the distribution of meals and eliminate the need for students to touch a keypad
- Purchased UV devices for cleaning computer keyboards
- Purchased additional disinfecting sprayers for all buildings and buses
- Signage for social distancing
- Floor signage showing one-way patterns and/or traffic flow in hallways
- Signage reminding of proper handwashing
- Signage to not enter if not feeling well
- Classroom set up in elementary – desks spread out as much as possible facing same direction
- No sharing of supplies
- No touch thermometers available
- Changes to the lunch serving program
- Changes to recess schedules
- Staggered hallway passing times
- Adjusting building air handlers as much as feasible for bringing in fresh air
- Start of the school year “Open House” to be held over two days – scheduled times

Additional changes are currently still in the planning stages.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to prepare for the start of the 2020 school year!

Sincerely,


Supt., Joel Jorgenson