

# Parker School District Covid-19 Update

*(Since August 25, 2020)*

Last updated January 4, 2021

<b><u>School</u></b>	<b><u>Current number of positive cases</u></b>	<b><u>Recovered (Out of Isolation)</u></b>
Elementary	3	3
Junior High/High School	17	17
Staff Member	17	17
District Total	37	37

Please note that these case numbers are based upon our own school information and will be updated at the end of each week. The positive cases reported are the ones that we have been made aware of at the present time. Due to federal laws such as HIPAA and FERPA, as well as protecting individual privacy, no other specific information will be shared.

As a reminder when you see this weekly update, please remember these students/staff confirmed to be positive COVID-19 cases have already been put into “Isolation” by the South Dakota Department of Health/Health Care Professionals. Any confirmed student/staff Verified Close Contacts associated have already been “Quarantined” by the South Dakota Department of Health/Health Care Professionals.

According to the SD DOH, staff members and students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to self-isolate for ten (10) days from the first onset of symptoms and must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Staff members and students who are verified close contacts are required to quarantine for fourteen (14) days since their last contact with a person who has COVID-19.

Isolation is for people who are already sick with COVID-19 and quarantine is for people who are not sick, but may have been exposed to COVID-19. Isolation separates and restricts the movement of sick people so they cannot spread the disease. Quarantined people may or may not become sick. Quarantined people must stay at home or another location so they do not spread the disease.

You may find out from your family physician or the South Dakota Department of Health that your child has tested positive for COVID-19, which requires Isolation from school. You may find out that your child is a “Verified Close Contact” to someone that has tested positive for COVID19, which requires Quarantine. In either case, please notify your child’s principal immediately, as you may possibly know this information prior to our school being informed.

Please also indicate if the positive COVID-19 case or verified close contact was due to a possible exposure at school. This will allow for a much quicker mitigation and contact tracing for the safety of your child, as well as other children and staff in our school.

South Dakota Department of Health Resources

To view the SD DOH’s weekly, aggregated COVID-19 positive case count for K-12, visit the DOH website.

For a current count of positive COVID-19 cases in McCook, Turner, Minnehaha, Lincoln and Hutchinson counties and throughout South Dakota, please visit the [DOH website](#).