**Little Heart Elementary School**

**2023-2024 Re-Start Plan**

**Updated 8-15-2023**

**Instructional Model**

Instruction is delivered in-person with no requirement of masks. Teachers and students maintain a normal daily schedule. Safety precautions are implemented to enhance staff and student safety.

**Distance Learning**

Little Heart will not offer an option for distance learning at this time.

**Health & Safety Precautions**

**ND Identified Positive case:**

All others in the classroom with a positive case will be notified, and parents asked to monitor students for symptoms.

**ND Identified Close Contact cases:**

**School Strategies:**

* Social distancing when possible.
* Maximize space between students as much as possible when social distancing cannot occur.
* Recommend mask use.
* Continue hand hygiene.
* Continue current surface sanitizing practices.
* Guidance for sending student home:
* The staff determines the child is unwilling or unable to participate due to illness.
* The staff determines that they cannot care for the sick child without compromising their ability to care for the health and safety of the other children in the group.
* The child has a fever (oral temperature above 100.4°F) along with difficulty breathing, changes in behavior, lethargy, irritability, or persistent crying.
* The child experiences vomiting two or more times in the preceding 24 hours, unless determined to be caused by a non-communicable condition and the child is able to remain hydrated and participate in activities.
* The individual has diarrhea and cannot self-contain stool.
* Loss of taste and/or smell

**Student & Staff Health**

*If a student or staff members becomes sick at school*

* Student
  + Direct / escort the child out of the classroom.
  + The child shall be provided a facial covering and isolated in the building sick room.
  + Parent / guardian will be contacted to pick up their child.
  + Follow the School Decision Tree (See document from LH Health and Safety Plan)
* Staff
  + Inform your supervisor immediately and wear a face mask /shield until they can be replaced

if supervising students at that time.

* + Leave the school building/grounds and consult with a health care professional.
  + If a staff member needs to be isolated or quarantined, the school board will address moving forward at that time.

*Return to School*

* When a student or staff member has been isolated or quarantined as directed by NDDoH or

Custer Health they will be allowed to return to school after being cleared by the NDDoH.

**Protect Yourself and Others**

*Wash your hands often*

* Wash with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after blowing your nose, coughing,

or sneezing.

* Wash hands before eating, after using the restroom, after recess/gym/music or areas where

students will have shared materials.

* If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
* Students are encouraged to wash their hands often throughout the day.

*Clean and disinfect*

* School staff should clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
* Shared materials (not recommended) should be cleaned.
* Classrooms will be cleaned nightly by staff.

*Cover coughs and sneezes*

* Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of

your elbow.

* Throw tissues away and wash hands or use hand sanitizer to prevent spread.

**Communication**

District-level communications will be sent on an as-needed basis to inform parents of any relevant developments or changes to operations.  Other communication channels, such as the Little Heart Facebook page, website and monthly newsletter will be routinely updated to reflect up-to-date information pertaining to the district and school.

**Communal Spaces**

We will limit the occupancy in our lunchroom by limiting the number of students per table. Table surfaces will be cleaned after the lunch period. We have a girl’s bathroom and boy’s bathroom with an occupancy of two per bathroom, only two students will be allowed in the bathroom at a time to enforce social distancing, other students will wait outside in the hall. The water fountain will only be used to fill water bottles not for drinking. Each student will be required to bring a full water bottle each morning. Alternative filling options will be available as well.

**Transportation**

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school for their children, therefore, we will not have to make any accommodations for transportation.

**Special Education**

Special Education personnel will ensure that each student on an IEP will receive the services and accommodations they require and as outlined in the IEP. Should a student(s) be unable to attend school due to COVID 19 restrictions, the individual student’s contingency plan would take effect immediately.

**Resources**

ND Department of Public Instruction - h<ttps://www.nd.gov/dpi/parentscommunity/nddpi-updates-a>ndguidance-covid-19

ND Department of Health - https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus

Center for Disease Control and Prevention - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

**Pandemic Measures**

Operational changes could occur as the result of worsening pandemic conditions.  The following levels represent different types of responses that could be implemented if deemed necessary by the Board action\*:

Level 1 – All Distance Learning (No Students in Schools)  
Level 2 – Distance Learning  with Limited Face-to-Face instruction for identified students  
Level 3 – A combination of Distance Learning and Face-to-Face instruction for all students.  
Level 4 – Face-to-Face Instruction for all students with [Health and Safety Protocols](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ncc2i9upXvOIuk_pkJR6JdzWIvH0KjMr2N7MOYuhNps/edit?usp=sharing)Level 5 – All Face-to-Face instruction for all students  (No Masks Required)