



## **Covid-19 Precautions** 2021-2022 School Year

*\*Note: Any Student or Staff who becomes ill at school, will be required to leave campus. Students will be confined to the nurse's office until the student is picked up. Students/Staff who are COVID-19 positive will be quarantined for 10 days before returning to school with a doctor's release or negative test (day 1 would begin when you have been confirmed positive for COVID-19.) Students/Staff who are exposed (close contact: within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes for a 24 hour period) to COVID-19 will be quarantined for 10 days to watch for possible symptoms (students/staff exposed to COVID-19 will be allowed to return to in person learning after the 10 days are up with no other actions required) (day 1 would begin when you have found out you have been exposed to COVID19) (Students may do distance learning during this time of quarantine if their health allows. Students who do not do distance learning will have to do make up work when returning to in person learning) (School Nurse will be notified immediately of any COVID-19 positive cases and exposures)*

RCCS has always insisted on maintaining a hygienic environment for our students and provides annual training for staff with regard to keeping classrooms and high touch areas sanitary. Teachers and staff pass this training along to the students and help them remember sanitary protocols. RCCS also uses a cleaning company that provides deep sanitation when servicing the school. Because of these efforts, RCCS has experienced low annual absenteeism due to cold and flu.

Due to the current coronavirus outbreak, RCCS is continuing to take proactive measures to reduce, as much as possible, the spread of COVID-19. Masks/Face shields (optional), frequent hand washing/ sanitizing, social distancing, one way hallway, Covid 19 in services for staff, hands on learning and instructional education on Covid-19 and keeping yourself safe for students taught by the School Nurse, Covid19 on site rapid testing throughout the school year, Symptom checker resource for parents, RCCS Self Check Screening Tool for Students resource for parents, Covid19 resources provided for staff and parents, disinfecting high touch surfaces multiple times a day. Deep sanitation services daily.

### **Training**

All staff and students will be trained by the school nurse on proper sanitation / hygiene protocols.



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### **Arrival and Departure**

All students (Prek-12th grade) will be self screened at home by parents before being dropped off at school. Any student who is found to have a fever 99.0 or greater will be sent home. Any student showing symptoms of Covid19 will be evaluated by the School Nurse and if the School Nurse deems it necessary to send the student home, that student will be sent home. All Parents are required to report any changes to their child's health immediately

While awaiting pick up, middle and high school students will be stationed in the cafeteria a minimum of 6 feet apart. Students will be called individually to walk to the pick up vehicle. Elementary students will be stationed in the front hallway, a minimum of 6 feet apart, and will be escorted to their vehicle. Pre-K students will be taken to their vehicle for custodial sign out.

### **Non-students on Campus**

Parents and guardians will be asked to self screen before coming to the school. Non-essential visitors will not be allowed on campus until further notice.

### **Building and Classroom Precautions**

Classrooms are set up to meet TEA spacing requirements. Where possible, student chairs / desks are 6 feet apart and markers have been placed on the floor to keep this distance. Partitions are being installed in classrooms where spacing cannot be accommodated, such as the computer, math and science labs. When students need to work in groups, or when spacing can not be maintained.

Hygiene stations are being placed throughout the school - in classrooms, the front office, and gathering places such as the cafeteria. Stations consist of kleenex, hand sanitizers, and high touch surface cleaning implements such as disinfecting wipes.

Protocols for students passing in the hallways, all students will follow a one way hallway rule and will not be congregating in groups, and they will space out as much as possible. Visual cues will be placed on the hallway walls to help students who are waiting to enter the classrooms. The hallways will be monitored by teachers and staff during the passing period to ensure students are following social distancing and hand washing protocols.

Teachers will monitor and direct the entering and exiting of the classroom. Students entering will be directed to sanitize their hands and proceed to an assigned desk, and then released in



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reverse when leaving the classroom. Students will be instructed to use the passing period to wash their hands with soap and water. Desks, doorknobs and other high touch areas in the school will be sanitized each period of the school day.

RCSS understands it will take some time to help students learn the routine and will abstain from marking students tardy, within reason, until the student shows mastery of the procedures.

### **Lunch and Recess**

To limit exposure, the elementary wing of the school will remain in their wing for the duration of the day. A multipurpose / cafeteria has been arranged for the wing and the student hot lunches will be delivered. Additionally, the elementary students have their own playground for recess and PE.

Middle and high school students each have their own lunch and recess time. Middle school students will be spaced in the cafeteria for lunch while high school students will be outside. They will then switch. The middle school students will exit the building using a separate exit from the entering high school students.

We believe in the importance of fresh air, exercise, and vit d from the sun for our students during recess and physical education (P.E.), Students are encouraged to get active when outside this will help in aiding the immune system.

### **Distance / Remote Learning**

Distance learning is an option only available to students who are quarantined for positive cases of COVID-19 and exposure to Covid19. Depending on the situation students may qualify for distance learning due to an unforeseen circumstance or the student will be out longer than seven days due to other medical situations. Other than quarantine status due to COVID distance learning must be approved by school administration.

### **Exposures**

Parents will be notified if their child has been exposed to COVID-19 while on campus. HIPAA policies are in effect and no names will be disclosed.

*Parents are asked to please keep a steady eye on their child's health and symptoms daily.*



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\*CDC Recommends vaccination as a protective measure against COVID-19, please consult your doctor before getting your child vaccinated.

\*We understand in this on- going pandemic things are rapidly changing. As we continue to watch and listen be advised this covid19 policy/precautions is subject to change. We will notify all parents of changes immediately. Please contact administration for further questions, comments or concerns.