Russellville Independent Schools

COVID Operational Plan

Changes From Our Previous Plan

- ❑ Quarantine Guidelines & Procedures
- ❑ Masking requirements
- ❑ Test-To-Stay Model

1.

Quarantine Guidelines & Procedures

COVID-19 School Quarantine Guidance

Exposure to Positive Case

Everyone MASKED
(Positive case & close contact)

Close contacts within 3 ft of positive case notified to monitor for symptoms for 10 days

If symptoms develop, quarantine and get tested, whether fully vaccinated or not.

Anyone UNMASKED
(Positive case &/or close contact)

Close contacts within 6 ft. of positive must quarantine with 1 of the options below...

1. Enter Test-to-Stay Protocol
2. Quarantine 10 days w/no test
3. Quarantine for 7 days w negative test on day 5 or after

* Unless fully vaccinated have previously had/recovered from COVID-19 within 3 months and have no symptoms

If symptoms develop, quarantine, and get tested regardless of vaccination status.

2.

Masking Requirements

Russellville Independent Schools will utilize the COVID-19 Current Incidence Rate Map to determine masking status

RED

If the Incidence Rate map shows RED for our county masks will be REQUIRED in all indoor settings in the districts.

ORANGE

If the Incidence Rate map shows ORANGE for our county masks will be REQUIRED in all indoor settings in the districts.

YELLOW

If the Incidence Rate map shows YELLOW for our county for 5 consecutive school days then masks will be OPTIONAL after that 5th day.

GREEN

If the Incidence Rate map shows GREEN for our county, masks will be OPTIONAL

MASKING SITUATIONS

When <u>REQUIRED</u>, masks must be worn in schools, classrooms, gyms, indoor athletic facilities, locker rooms, and on buses.

2.

Test-To-Stay Model

Test To Stay

Masking:

Due to Logan County currently being classified as red on the state incidence map, masks will be required inside every building across our school district and on school buses per federal law. Masks will not be required outdoors, during meal breaks, and during physical activity. Mask exemptions will be granted if a student provides documentation from a doctor or other health care provider.

We will monitor our county's status on the map on a daily basis to determine whether masks may become optional in the future. If Logan County is yellow on the incidence map for 5 consecutive days in one week (Monday through Friday), then masks will be optional in our buildings during the following week. We will continue to monitor our status while masks are optional. If during any week (Monday through Friday) Logan County is at the orange level for three or more days, masks will become mandatory the following week.

Quarantines & Test to Stay:

A person who has been in close contact with a positive case will have the following options:

Quarantine for 10 days if you have NO symptoms. Return to school on Day 11.

Quarantine for 7 days if you have NO symptoms and have a negative COVID-19 PCR or rapid test on or after Day 5. Return to school on Day 8.

If your PCR or rapid test is positive, you must quarantine for 10 days beginning on the day you receive a positive test result or identify symptoms

Participate in the Test to Stay program. Students and staff in this program will be tested via a rapid test at the beginning of the school day for 5 days. Provided that the test is negative each day, the student or staff member will be allowed to stay at school. This testing will only occur if the parent grants permission.

- If someone in the household tests positive and others cannot isolate, others in the household must remain quarantined for the duration of the positive person's quarantine PLUS 10 days. Household contacts may also quarantine for 7 days with a negative PCR test on or after Day 5 if the person is not symptomatic.
- If a student tests positive, he/she will be required to quarantine for 10 days, beginning on the day he/she receives a positive test result or develops symptoms.
- Vaccinated students and students who have been positive for COVID in the past three months do not have to quarantine unless they develop symptoms and/or test positive.

Envivo Health & PremierTox Laboratory will supply the services and materials necessary to provide a testing service for Russellville Independent Schools.

Test-To-Stay will allow us to test any student, staff member, or school volunteer who is identified as a close contact to a positive COVID case or those students and staff that become symptomatic.

Instructional Models

RISD is committed to in-person classes during the 2021-2022 school year for all students. Also, the district will provide learning for students who are required to isolate/quarantine during the school year by a medical professional or district staff. Students engaged in internships, work based learning experiences, dual credit, etc. will be required to follow the safety expectations of those organizations.

Guidance and Safety Expectations for In-Person Learning

The safety and wellness of our students, staff and community is our number one priority. We strongly believe that all students having access to in-person learning daily is essential to the academic and social/emotional well-being of our students.
The following recommendations are made to ensure we can continue in-person learning during the 2021-2022 school year:

- We recommend that all parents, eligible students, family members, extended families and our staff members receive the COVID vaccinations (we respect that this is an individual/family choice but it is important to note that students/staff who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine unless they show symptoms).
- We recommend social distancing of 3 feet for students and 6 feet for staff to students when possible without changing the schedule or physical use of space in our schools. This recommendation should not prevent student group work, other instructional activities, having students at cap size in classes or eating and socialization during lunch. Student interaction is also essential to the well-being of our students.

Additionally, the following safety prevention strategies will be implemented at all schools

- Frequent Handwashing
- Daily cleaning and facilities maintenance; including the use of most up-to-date methods and cleaning products necessary

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- Isolation of students/staff at school who have a fever and/or symptoms of COVID including:
  - Fever or feeling feverish (e.g., chills, sweating)
  - New Cough
  - Difficulty Breathing
  - Sore Throat
  - Muscle aches or body aches
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - New loss of taste or smell
    - *Individuals with any of these symptoms should stay home and be tested for COVID*
    - *It is expected that all staff and students report a positive COVID case immediately to their administration.*
    - *It is expected that the school health professional and administration work collaboratively to consider other factors before sending a student or staff member home.*
  - *Seating charts will be maintained for contact tracing*
  - *Fully vaccinated individuals DO NOT need to quarantine unless they have symptoms*

District Transportation

Required by the Center for Disease Control Order, clarified by the Kentucky Department of Education on 7/19/21:

- All students must wear masks on school buses at all times.
- Distancing of 3 feet is recommended if possible without interfering with bus routing.
- A driver does not need to wear a mask if they are the only person on the bus.

COVID Data Tracking

The district will not track COVID data during the 2021-2022 school year. The district will utilize the community transmission data at the following link:
https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19

Athletics/Extra-Curricular Activities

All guidance in this document is applicable to athletics/extracurricular activities and athletics governed by KHSAA must follow their requirements.

Still Have Questions?

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