



**Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity  
of Services Plan for the 2022-23 School Year**

*As Rolla 31 Schools transition into the 2022-2023 school year, our goal is to provide a framework where learning can continue and students can develop the social and emotional connections necessary for their growth. These past years have served as a great reminder of the role schools play in ensuring an equitable education for all students. Schools create conditions that support students to meet social/emotional needs, develop lifelong friendships, explore their passions, and channel their energy into productive pursuits and activities. Operating schools in a manner responsive to the needs of families and communities is our sole purpose. The Rolla 31 School District is committed to working in partnership with the community to achieve these goals.*

**Thank you for making each day a GREAT DAY to be a BULLDOG!**

**\*\*Please note: The information and guidelines provided in this document are subject to change at any time given approval by the Board of Education based on further guidance received by the district. The plan will be reviewed at least every 6 months, with input from parents, teachers, administrators, and community members, to ensure adequacy in protocols and procedures. (Last Revised 08.12.22)**

The Rolla 31 School District has developed health-related protocols and a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan based on best practices from area schools and businesses; and federal, state, and local health officials. These protocols are subject to change based on revised guidance and orders received by the school district.

The goal of these protocols is to mitigate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other illnesses. While the reduction of risk is the goal, it is impossible to completely eliminate all risks of exposure.

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## **MASKING**

Masks are welcomed within Rolla Public School District facilities for students and staff in grades Pre-K-12 who wish to wear them. Masks are available for anyone that needs them.

- Masks/face coverings must comply with district dress code requirements and must be free of any wording or advertisements that could cause a substantial disruption to the educational environment.
- Masking guidance is subject to change throughout the school year.

## **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

- To help lower exposure risk, student contact may be limited to smaller groups.
- There may be alternate plans for students in programs such as Special Education, English Language Learners, and Title I Reading/Math.
- Junior High and High School students will follow their assigned schedules.
- Students will be distanced in classrooms and other areas whenever possible.
- The district may utilize assigned seating in classrooms.

## **VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS**

- Visitors and volunteers necessary for the education and social/emotional wellness of students and staff are permitted in the buildings.
- Volunteer programs may be limited at times during the school year.

## **MEAL SERVICE & DRINKING WATER**

- Each building will outline its food service procedures.
- The USDA waiver previously allowing all students to have free lunch and breakfast has ended. All families are encouraged to fill out the [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#).
- Bottle filling stations, water fountains, and sinks will be available for students to access water. Students will be allowed to carry water bottles or cups with lids if they wish.

## **HANDWASHING & RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE**

- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and at most exterior doors.
- Handwashing and sanitation procedures will be taught to students by district staff and time will be taken during the day to allow for these activities.
- Proper respiratory etiquette will be taught and encouraged to include covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, using tissues and properly disposing of them, and washing hands after coughing or sneezing.
- Signage will be displayed in all district facilities to encourage proper handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes.

## **HEALTHY FACILITIES**

- The district's custodial department will continue to clean and sanitize all facilities, using approved cleaning products across the district.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout our buildings and inside our classrooms along with sanitation wipes.
- The district will continue to evaluate all facilities for HVAC improvements and monitor indoor air quality.

## **HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Personal health screenings are an important component of helping maintain a healthy school environment. Therefore, all students and employees are asked to self-screen before coming to school.

## **SYMPTOMATIC STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES**

Employees and students with symptoms from the list below will be sent home. Students and employees will follow the return guidelines as outlined below.

The following symptoms indicate a possible illness that may decrease a person's ability to function productively, but also may put them at risk for spreading illnesses to others. Please visit the [CDC website](#) for a complete list of expected symptoms.

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- New, uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing or speaking. (For those with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their normal cough)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain

- New onset of severe headache (especially with fever)
- Loss of taste or smell

Anyone exhibiting any one or more of these symptoms should remain home until:

- Symptoms improve
- Fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Upon returning to school, students and staff may be screened by the building nurse to verify recovery.

## **COVID TESTING**

Rolla Public Schools has partnered with local health organizations to provide no-cost COVID testing for all students and staff members. Contact your building nurse for more information and testing locations.

## **COVID-19 RELATED ILLNESS**

If any of the following conditions apply, a person is considered at risk of spreading the illness to others. Parents/students/employees are required to notify their building principal/supervisor if any of these conditions apply.

- A positive COVID-19 test result
- The individual is symptomatic and awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test

## **POSITIVE CASES & CONTACT TRACING**

- Covid-positive individuals may return to school/work 5 days after symptoms first appeared *and* after 24 hours fever-free with improving Covid symptoms. Individuals who are fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medications with other symptoms improving may return to school on day 6 but are encouraged to wear a mask for an additional 5 days. When calculating days of exclusion, day 0 is the date symptoms began or the date of the test if testing positive while asymptomatic.
- The district will notify parents if a cluster of positive cases occurs within a student cohort. Parents may choose to keep students home to monitor for symptoms.
- Those identified as close contacts with Covid-positive individuals will not be excluded from school unless they exhibit Covid symptoms.

The Rolla School district has the authority to institute measures that mitigate the spread of infectious disease within our facilities. The Rolla Board of Education takes that responsibility seriously and will continue to act per state statutes.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

Rolla Public Schools is fortunate to have numerous community sources for vaccine administration. RPS encourages each eligible staff and student to visit with their healthcare provider regarding the decision to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & SPECIAL SERVICES**

### ***Special Education Services:***

- Special education teachers and therapists will continue to provide services for students with IEPs and ISPs at their building sites and will follow safety protocols put in place for all students.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with their child's special education case manager before school begins to discuss specific student needs/concerns.
- Parent and staff input will be provided to help prioritize student needs within an IEP or 504 plan.

### ***English Language Learners***

Teachers will continue to provide services for ELL students at their building sites and will follow safety protocols put in place for all students.

### ***Gifted Education Services:***

Elementary and Junior High students will continue to be transported to the Middle School as they have in the past.

### ***Title I Services***

Teachers will continue to provide services for Title I eligible students at their building sites and will follow safety protocols put in place for all students.

The District will provide all necessary accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies outlined in this plan. Counseling and mental health services are available for students and staff. Please contact your building's Counseling Office for more information.

## **CONTINUITY OF SERVICES**

- The District intends to be open according to our approved [District Calendar](#) and will only close if absolutely necessary.
- It is important to note that should a closure or change to the school schedule take place, the district will use various methods of communication and instruction to ensure continuity of services.

## **VIRTUAL EDUCATION**

Rolla 31 provides virtual learning opportunities for students K-12. To learn more about our preferred provider, review our application process, and determine if virtual learning is right for your student, please visit our website under the MOCAP tab.