

District 90 Expanded In-Person Delivery Model, Spring 2021

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Topics for Presentation:

- Description of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model
 - Elementary
 - Middle School
- Key Elements – Lengthened School Day, Lunch, Recess, Safety Mitigations, Communication
- Full-Remote Learning Option
- Implications of Recent ISBE/IDPH Guidance
- Next Steps - RMS Daily Student Attendance, Fall 2021

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Description of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Elementary Information -

- Full day attendance for all in-person students (8:30 AM – 3:05 PM)
- Students assigned to classroom cohorts throughout the day
- Staggered lunch/recess times (by class, within grade levels)
- Specials classes occur in person (locations differ by school)
- Student drop-off and pick-up procedures remain the same
- Elementary principals will provide specific information for families

Description of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Middle School Information -

- Full day attendance for all in-person students (8:30 AM – 3:00 PM), using A/B hybrid model
- Students continue to follow blocked schedule (4 periods/day)
- Class periods 80 minutes in length
- Lunch/recess scheduled for 60 minutes (between periods 2/3)
- Student drop-off and pick-up procedures remain the same
- Middle school administration will provide specific information for families

Key Elements of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Lengthened School Day -

- “Lengthened School Day” begins Tuesday, April 6. *Instructional Planning Day* scheduled (No school for students) on April 5
- School day will be lengthened for both in-person and Full Remote Learning Option students
- Affords opportunity for the District to implement practices that will be essential for full student attendance in Fall 2021
- Provides students with social emotional benefits of lunch and recess with classmates
- Lengthened day comports with terms of collective bargaining agreement, including planning time and duty-free lunch

Key Elements of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Lunch Considerations -

- Lunch plans developed with input from Rush University Medical Center Infection Prevention Team and ISBE/IDPH guidance
- 6-foot social distancing during lunch
- Masks may only be removed during active eating/drinking
- Students assigned to specific eating spaces/locations
- Student lunches must be nut-free at all schools

Key Elements of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Lunch Considerations (Continued) -

- Lunch locations vary by school, and may/will include congregate locations, foyers, individual classrooms, outside locations (tented)
- Seating accommodations vary by school, and may/will include tables, desks, and/or picnic style (with trays or mats)
- Indoor lunch locations will be ventilated and/or have HEPA air filtration units provided
- Adult supervision for all students (faculty, staff, or volunteers)
- Lunch locations and eating surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected before subsequent use

Key Elements of Expanded In-Person Delivery Model

Recess Considerations -

- Student classes will be assigned to outdoor recess/play locations
- Playground equipment will be closed for use during recess
- Handwash regimens will be required for all students before returning to class
- Students must wear masks during recess
- Indoor recess locations and procedures will vary by school and will be used when outside conditions or inclement weather necessitate

Full Remote Learning Option

FRLO Details -

- Families can expect forthcoming communication this week about enrolling in Full Remote Learning Option for 4th Quarter
- Families may shift students **into or out of** Full Remote Learning Option once during 4th Quarter, if desired
- Families desiring to shift **into or out of** Full Remote Learning Option during 4th Quarter should contact school principal
- Recent ISBE/IDPH guidance indicates that school districts must give option of remote instruction for families of students who are at increased risk of severe illness or who live with people at increased risk. However, D90 intends to continue offering FRLO for all families through the end of the school year. FRLO or in-person students may not attend “partial remote days.”

Recent ISBE/IDPH Guidance

Implications of Recent ISBE/IDPH Guidance -

- Increased flexibility in social distancing requirements
- Continued emphasis on safety mitigations that are already part of our current D90 procedures/protocols
- Reinforcement about extra-curricular activities
- Increased flexibility with occupancy caps for congregate areas
- Operational considerations related to vaccinations of staff
- Continued adherence to contact tracing, quarantine, cleaning/disinfecting, testing, and travel-related guidance

Next Steps

RMS Daily Student Attendance -

- **Barring problematic rates of quarantine or school-based COVID transmission resulting from lengthened day, the return of all RMS in-person students for daily attendance is currently planned for week of April 26. Final date will be communicated once confirmed.**

Fall 2021 -

- **In-person, daily attendance for all students who are not at “increased risk of severe illness or who live with people with increased risk”**

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Thank you!

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