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## **Learning Plan for 2021-22**

**Information for Parents and Staff Members**

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This plan is subject to change, especially because of the changing circumstances related to the pandemic.

### **Learning Options for Students in K-12**

Students have the following learning options:

- In-person learning for five days per week.
- Online-only learning through 5RiversOnline, a state-approved K-12 online school affiliated with Red Wing Public Schools. Contact Kim Cory at [kcory@gced.k12.mn.us](mailto:kcory@gced.k12.mn.us) for more information.
- Some secondary classes In-Person and others through 5RiversOnline.

### **Learning Options for Preschool**

Preschool students will be learning in-person with several options available. Contact Brittni Kuehl at [bakuehl@rwps.org](mailto:bakuehl@rwps.org) for more information.

### **Mitigation Strategies**

To prioritize the health and safety of students, employees, and community members, the following COVID-19 mitigation strategies are being implemented:

#### **Vaccinations**

Individuals age 5 and older should be vaccinated for COVID-19 as soon as possible. Vaccination clinics are being offered on school grounds; children need parental consent. Higher vaccination rates will result in lower transmission rates, more in-person learning, and reduced need for other mitigation strategies.

#### **Face Coverings**

Wearing face coverings minimizes the risk of transmission and maximizes in-person learning. Students, employees and others are required to wear face coverings indoors or on a school or contracted vehicle unless they qualify for an exception as per Policy 808: Face Coverings. Students, employees and others are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings while outdoors, but they should not be in sustained close contact with others.

Red Wing Public Schools may ease face covering requirements when new COVID cases drop to safer levels for three weeks in a row in Goodhue County. Masks are required for all students and staff in grades preK-12 when transmissions are “substantial” or “high” on the CDC scale.

When Goodhue County case numbers drop to “moderate” for three consecutive weeks, face coverings will be recommended but not required at Red Wing High School. When Goodhue County case numbers drop to “low” for three consecutive weeks, face coverings will be recommended but not required for all grades.

| <b>New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days</b>                                                                | <b>Range</b> | <b>Early Childhood and Elementary face coverings</b> | <b>Secondary face coverings</b> |
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| High or Substantial Transmission<br><i>(Change in requirements made only after 3 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i> | 50+          | Required                                             | Required                        |
| Moderate Transmission<br><i>(Change in requirements made only after 3 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i>            | 10 to <50    | Required                                             | Recommended                     |
| Low Transmission<br><i>(Change in requirements made only after 3 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i>                 | 0 to <10     | Recommended                                          | Recommended                     |

**Physical Distancing**

Students and adults are strongly encouraged to be at least three feet apart when feasible. Physical distancing practices (such as keeping cohorts of elementary students together) will be implemented.

**Stay Home if Sick**

The district's health screening checklist must be followed before entering a school building, vehicle, or school-related activity. If showing at least one common symptom or two less common symptoms, individuals need to stay home even if they are vaccinated. They should also contact their school attendance line, supervisor, or building contact.

Individuals may return:

- Immediately if they receive a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test); or
- After day 10 if they do not test for COVID and their symptoms have improved.

**Sending Sick People Home**

People with COVID-related symptoms while at school will be sent home regardless of vaccination status or prior history of disease. They are expected to wear a face covering until they leave school grounds. Anyone sent home from school with COVID-related symptoms cannot return until they have a negative COVID test result or after day 10 of isolation.

## **Isolation, Close Contacts, and Quarantines**

### **Isolation**

People who test positive for COVID are expected to stay away from school until:

- They feel better. Their cough, shortness of breath, or other systems are better; **and**
- It has been at least 10 days since they first felt sick or tested positive.

### **Close Contacts**

Close contacts include anyone

- who lives with an infected person, or
- who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period if masks were not worn or were worn incorrectly.

Close contacts do not include anyone

- who was within 3-6 feet of an infected person **and**
- masks were correctly worn by the infected person and the close contact, **and**
- and all mitigation strategies were followed.

### **Quarantining Plan for E-6 Schools**

Elementary students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine if the student and infected person were wearing masks appropriately during the sustained close contact. Otherwise, they will be quarantined. Quarantine begins after the last day of contact with an infected person.

Quarantined individuals may return after:

- Day 7 if there is a negative PCR result (not a rapid antigen test) taken on day 5 or later; or
- Day 14 if no test is taken

### **Quarantining Plan for 7-12 Schools**

High school students in close contact with an infected person do not need to quarantine because of the universal face covering requirement and the ability of students to be vaccinated. However, vaccination rates, school and community transmission rates, and overall compliance with the face covering policy may result in the implementation of quarantining requirements. When possible, parents will be notified if their child was in close contact with an infected person so symptoms can be monitored.

### **Testing**

Routine testing opportunities are available during the school day. Testing options for staff or students who develop symptoms while in a district building:

- Test on site, using Vault PCR saliva tube test, then head home to isolate.
- Take a Vault PCR saliva tube test home, and have someone return the completed test to your school to be mailed.
- Take home a Vault PCR saliva test kit, mail in the finished test by yourself.
- Visit Mayo or another test site to receive a nasal swab PCR test.
- Do not test, but staff or students will have to stay home from 10 days, starting on the first day of symptoms, returning to work/school on day 11.

Please sign up with Vault at [COVID.VLT.CO](https://COVID.VLT.CO) if you would like to participate in routine testing or would like to be tested at the school if you are symptomatic. Testing options for staff or students who want to routinely test for COVID-19:

- Test on site, using Vault PCR saliva tube test.
- Take a Vault PCR saliva tube test home, return the test to your school when completed to be mailed.
- Take home a Vault PCR saliva test kit, mail in the finished test by yourself.

Testing tubes, kits and instructions are available in your building's nurse's office. A consent form must be signed for each person under the age of 18 to be able to perform testing at school.

### **Maintenance Practices**

Custodians will continue to clean/disinfect surfaces and monitor ventilation systems for proper air flow as they did last year.

### **Handwashing**

Students and adults are required to regularly wash their hands. Hand sanitizer will be available.

### **Technology Services**

The district provides a Chromebook for each student. More information, including possible options for low cost Internet services to qualifying families, will be shared later this summer. If your child has problems with technology, first contact their teacher and then [techsupport@rwps.org](mailto:techsupport@rwps.org).

### **Food Services**

Thanks to additional funding from the State and Federal governments, students will receive free breakfasts and lunches this year. Lunches will be served in classrooms or cafeterias and available to students learning online. Contact [bdlexvold@rwps.org](mailto:bdlexvold@rwps.org) for information.

### **Transportation Services**

Bus transportation will be offered to K-6 students who live at least 1 mile from school and to 7-12 students who live at least 2 miles from school. Face coverings are required on all school transportation and vehicles per Federal regulations.

### **Kids Junction (School-Age Childcare)**

Fee-based childcare is available to students in grades K-6 based on space availability and staffing. Contact [jjplein@rwps.org](mailto:jjplein@rwps.org) to register or obtain information about additional eligibility requirements, costs, locations, and times for Kids Junction.

### **Athletics and Activities**

Athletic teams and activities will operate in traditional ways, but the district will continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota State High School League and Minnesota Department of Education. Contact Paul Hartmann at [pmhartmann@rwps.org](mailto:pmhartmann@rwps.org) for more information.

### **Student and Family Resources**

Contact your child's principal for student and family resources. The Red Wing Community Resource Network Guide provides information about supports through Red Wing Schools.

### **Requests for ADA Accommodations for Students and Employees**

Requests for ADA accommodations can be emailed to Cherie Johnson, Executive Director of GCED, at [cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us](mailto:cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us). If a staff member is at risk and feels he/she been denied a reasonable accommodation, they can call the Minnesota Department of Human Rights' Discrimination Helpline at 833- 454-0148.