

## **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 up to five days per week.
- Online-only learning through 5RiversOnline, a state-approved K-12 online school affiliated with Red Wing Public Schools.
- 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.

### **Stay Home if Sick**

The district's health screening checklist must be followed by all staff, students and visitors before entering a school building, vehicle, or school-related activity. If showing at least one more common COVID 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 (preferred) or two negative rapid antigen tests administered on different days, or other test approved by the COVID Response Team;  
**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 in the last 90 days. 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 if no test is taken.

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

### **Isolation**

Students who test positive for COVID are expected to stay away from school and school-sponsored activities until:

- They feel well. No fever for 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are improving;
- **and**
- It has been at least 10 days since the start of symptoms or tested positive.

### **Quarantining for E-12**

Students will not be required to quarantine, but parents may choose to quarantine their children if they were in close contact with an infected person. If the student develops symptoms, see “Stay Home if Sick” above.

### **Close Contacts**

When possible, parents will be notified if someone in their E-6 child’s classroom tested positive so symptoms can be monitored.

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

### **Isolation**

Staff who test positive for COVID are expected to stay away from school and school-sponsored activities until:

- It has been at least 5 days since the start of symptoms or tested positive.
- **and**
- They are asymptomatic on day 5 or later
- **and**
- On Days 6-10 wear an N95 or KN95 mask provided by the district.
- **and**
- Wear their mask at all times around people at school

### **Quarantining**

Staff are not required to quarantine. If the staff member develops symptoms, see “Stay Home if Sick” above.

## **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. Higher vaccination rates will result in lower transmission rates, more in-person learning, and reduced need for other mitigation strategies. Vaccinations are given at most pharmacies and the Mayo Clinic/Red Wing.

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are optional/recommended. Face coverings on transportation will follow federal law.

### **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.

### **Testing**

Testing opportunities are available during the school day. Please see your building nurse for additional information.

### **Maintenance Practices**

Custodians 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. 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 receive free breakfasts and lunches this year. Meals are served in classrooms or cafeterias and available to students learning online. Contact Director Jess Pena at [japena@rwps.org](mailto:japena@rwps.org) for information.

### **Transportation Services**

Bus transportation is 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 Care)**

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.