

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

**Information for Parents and Staff Members**

**Proposed Feb. 22, 2022**

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 who were in close contact with an infected person **do not need to quarantine** because of the universal face covering requirement and the ability of ages 5 and older 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.
- Parents may choose to quarantine their children.
- If the student develops symptoms, see “Stay Home if Sick” above.

### **Close Contacts**

When possible, parents will be notified if someone in their 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

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- 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**

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 **two weeks in a row in Goodhue County**. **Masks are required for all students, staff and visitors when transmissions are “high” on the CDC scale. Masks are required in all E-6 buildings and recommended for students, staff and visitors when transmissions are “substantial”.**

When Goodhue County case numbers drop to “moderate” for **two** consecutive weeks, face coverings will be recommended but not required at Red Wing High School. When Goodhue County case numbers drop to “low” for **two** 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>
High Transmission <i>(Change made only after 2 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i>	100+	Required	Required
Substantial Transmission <i>(Change made only after 2 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i>	<50-99	Required	Recommended
Moderate Transmission <i>(Change made only after 2 consecutive weeks at this level.)</i>	10 to <50	Recommended	Recommended
Low Transmission	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.

**Testing**

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

**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 Director Jess Pena at [japena@rwps.org](mailto:japena@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.