

# River Ridge Re-opening Plan 2020-2021

This is a working plan/DRAFT and will continue to be modified as the situation warrants.

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# Fall Re-opening

- The following information is an overview/draft of our plan for the fall of 2020. We are also working on very detailed plans for how school days will look for elementary, middle, and high school students.
- Right now we are planning on starting with a regular schedule and school day, with precautions for elementary and middle school students beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. High school students will return to school on a split schedule with blended learning beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- This plan is subject to change at any point in time. We need your support to make this successful for all involved. We are working hard to provide a safe environment for all and mitigate risks.

## Instructional Models

- During the year we may need to change the way that we deliver instruction. The different scenarios will be based on the guidance from the Grant County Health Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff.
  - In Person Learning
  - Blended Learning
  - All Virtual Learning
  - Voluntary Home Learning

# In Person Learning

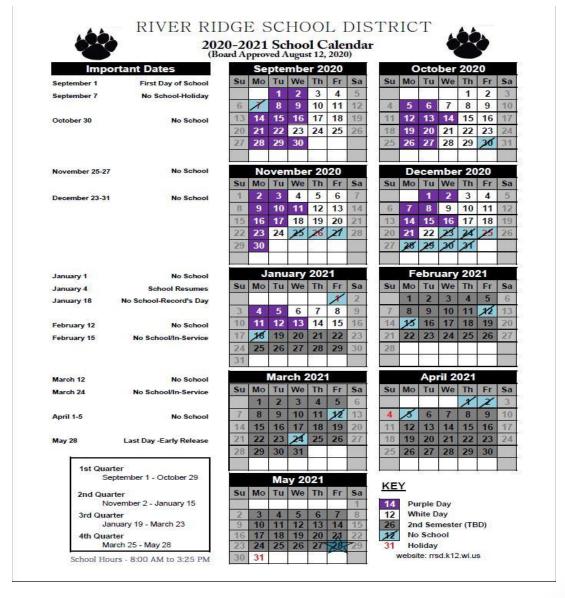
- Elementary and Middle School Students and staff in person
- Five days per week
- Staff and students will be required to wear face masks. Students will have regular mask breaks
- Daily, regular deep cleaning and sanitizing
- Students can start with this model and switch to virtual home learning at quarter or semester

- Social distancing as practical
- Daily recess on playgrounds/fields
- Only students/staff allowed into school
- Limit on non-essential visitors and visits
- Lunch in cafeteria, classrooms, etc. with social distancing
- Student will receive art, phy ed and modified music and band

# Blended Learning

- High school students will have a blend of in person learning at school and online learning at home
- Students will be split into two groups and attend on certain days of the week
- Instruction is by classroom teacher
- Attendance will be taken in person and virtually
- Grading will follow the in person grading
- Schedule of days will be provided
- Students can start with this model and switch to virtual home learning at semester

# Sample Blended Learning Schedule



# All Virtual - Mandatory School Closure

### At home learning

- School is closed: students will attend scheduled classes virtually
- Attendance will be taken daily
- RR Staff will be teaching virtually via the educational platform chosen at each level

- Virtual learning may be a temporary situation, depending on the health concerns at the time
- Closing decisions will be made by the Grant County Health Department in cooperation with the District Administrator

# Voluntary Home Learning

- Parents voluntarily decide to receive at home learning
- Student expectations will be the same as in school: attend classes as scheduled, complete all assignments in the grade level platform, normal grading scale
- Students will attend virtually by the platform the grade level decides
- Students can start with voluntary home learning and switch to in person at the following times:
  - K-8 at quarter or semester
  - 9-12 at semester

- In this option the student is taking and receiving credits/classes from River Ridge, but is at home learning
- Classes may not necessarily be taught by the classroom teacher, but an outside source
- Parents will choose this option during the online registration process, which will be open from Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, August 18th

## Facilities and Grounds

### **Social Distancing**

- Whenever possible, students will practice physical distancing
- Classrooms will be arranged to allow maximum room for students to spread out

### **Isolation Room**

 A room has been dedicated for individuals that display COVID-19 symptoms

### **Preventative Measure**

 Drinking fountain spout will be disabled but water bottle filler on fountains will be available

### **Deep Cleaning**

 Sanitation will be done daily, including playground equipment, classrooms, and other shared spaces

## Facilities and Grounds

### **Visitors**

- Limit non-essential visitors and visits
- Only students/employees will be allowed to pass the office

## Field Trips/Assemblies

Field trips and assemblies are unlikely

### **Cohorts**

- Grade levels will stay with their group/classes for almost all situations
- Grades will be assigned specific doors for entry and exit in the middle school

### **Staffing**

 May be reassigned to meet student learning needs

## Facilities and Grounds

### **Face Coverings**

- We understand that there are strong feelings both in support of and against face coverings. Due to the mandate put into place by Governor Tony Evers on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, both staff and students will be required to wear a mask while in school.
- In the absence of a state or local order, facemasks will be required for all staff and students while in the building except for eating.

# Transportation

#### **Face Coverings**

- Required for all students on the bus
- Required for all drivers while students are on the bus

#### **Alternate Transportation**

 Parents are encouraged to transport their students to and from school if possible

#### **Seating Charts**

Students will be assigned a seat to sit in

#### **Physical Distancing**

- Siblings sit together on the bus
- Physical distancing as much as practical
- Unloading busses will be staggered at different entrances

#### Self-screening

- Students must complete an at home COVID-19 screening before boarding the bus each morning
- Students must sanitize hands before boarding the bus

## Before and After School

 Drop off and pick up will take place at the multipurpose room doors in the back of the building

#### **Drop Off**

- The doors to the building will remain locked until 7:40am at which point students will enter the school at their designated entrance
- If you drop your child off before 7:40am, they will be required to wait outside until the entry time. This also goes for students who drive to school.
- The buses will be arriving between 7:45am and 7:55am with the remaining students.

#### Pick Up

 Parents will remain in their vehicles and a staff member will bring your child out to you.

#### Point of Entry

- We will have three points of entry for our students; all of which will be supervised by an adult.
- Entrance Doors Labeled A = The doors located by the ag shop of the high school wing will be for high school student entry.
- Entrance Doors Labeled B = The school's main entrance doors will be for middle school student entry.
- Entrance Doors Labeled C = The doors located in front of the elementary wing will be for elementary student entry.
- Entrance Doors Labeled D = The doors located in the back of the building into the multipurpose room will be for drop off and pick up students.

#### **Bus Passes**

Bus passes will no longer be an option

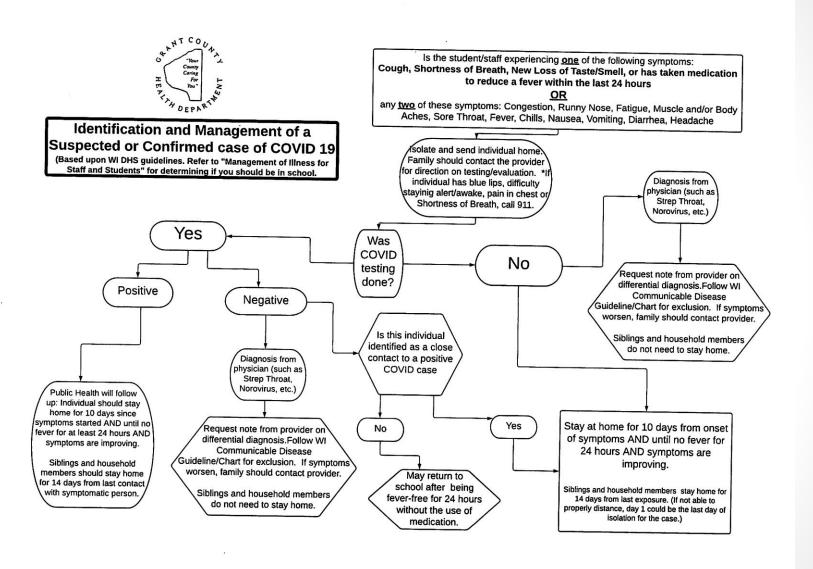
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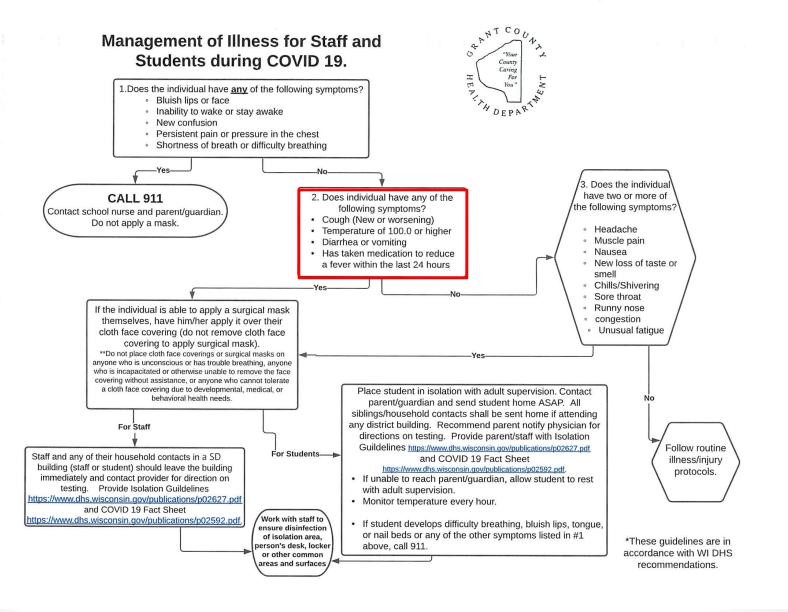
#### Daily Morning Health Question Checklist For Staff And Students

- Before coming to school each day, please check to see if your student is experiencing any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever equal to or greater than 100.4
  - Chills
  - New or worsening cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Muscle aches/pains
  - Headache -congestion or runny nose
  - Sore throat
  - Fatigue
  - Loss of smell and/or taste
  - GI symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)
- If your student or staff member answers yes to any of these signs/symptoms should not attend school or extra curricular activities in person. If there is suspicion that your child or a staff member has COVID-19, a test may be recommended. If your student or staff member's test results are negative, they may return to school when 24 hours fever free with significant symptom improvement. If you choose to not have your student tested, they may be required to isolate at home according to the current CDC, State, and local guidance. Also, please consult your doctor if you or your child(ren) are experiencing any of these symptoms.

#### Students Who Are Not Feeling Well At School

- If a student develops any of the symptoms in the slide above while attending school, you will be asked to pick up your child immediately.
- Please have your contact information updated in the JMC Parent Portal.
   Please also have a backup person and information available to pick up your sick child in the event you cannot get there immediately.
- River Ridge School District is doing their best to keep all of their students safe. If any situation is in question, we will be seeking guidance from your local health department on next steps to take.
- There are specific guidelines from the CDC we must follow when a student is sent home sick. Please see link below:
  - <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html</a>





### **Temperatures**

- Staff and students will be asked to check their temperatures daily before leaving for school
- It is recommended that anyone who has, or who recently had a temperature greater than 100.4°F, get tested for COVID-19. If test results are negative, your child will be required to stay home until they are 24 hours fever free with significant symptom improvement. If you choose to not have your child tested, they may be required to isolate at home according to the current CDC, State, and local guidance.
- If a student is positive for COVID-19 they will be required to be out of school for 10 days and 24 hour fever free and symptom free per CDC guidelines.

#### **COVID-19 Testing**

Although testing is not required by the school to return, it could impact the number of days you will be required to stay home. If you have a temperature and/or symptom(s) but choose not to be tested, a 10 day isolation period may be required per Grant County Health Department, CDC, and DHS guidelines.

- A negative test will result in students or staff returning to school 24 hours after symptom improvement without the use of medication (such as a fever reducer) or by a doctor's order so long as the student/staff member has not been considered a close contact to a positive case. If students/staff are considered close contacts to a positive case, they will be under a 14 day quarantine regardless of a negative test result according to CDC, DHS, and local guidance.
- Positive test results procedures and timelines will be instructed by the Grant County Health Department
- The District will work closely with the Grant County Health Department if there
  are positive cases of COVID-19 with either students or staff. If there are
  positive cases at River Ridge, The Grant County Health Department will
  perform contact tracing and reach out to you if your child has been exposed.
- Parents and staff will be informed if there is a positive case of COVID-19 in the school.

## Food Service

### **Breakfast**

- Middle and high school students will pick up breakfast when they enter the building and eat in their classroom
- Elementary students will have breakfast in their classroom

### Lunch

- Will be eaten in the classrooms or outdoor spaces as much as possible
- Times will be adjusted to allow for social distancing

# Extra-curricular and Sports

 The WIAA decided on July 23, 2020 to delay the start of volleyball, football and boys soccer to September, 7 2020. Other sports such as girls golf, girls swim, girls tennis and cross country will start on August 17, 2020.

 Other events and activities will be decided on as they occur

- Please understand that the information we are sharing with you in this presentation may be subject to change. There have been many changes so far and we foresee many more as the summer progresses. Thank you so much for your patience in working with us to provide our children with a quality education even during these trying and uncertain times.
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