



Rivercrest ISD Re-Entry Plan 2021-2022

Dear Rivercrest Family;

The safety and well-being of our school family is a priority at Rivercrest. This means that as we enter the new school year, Rivercrest remains vigilant in doing our part to help prevent and mitigate the spread of any communicable disease, including COVID-19.

The following plan was prepared to inform all stakeholders of the procedures that Rivercrest currently anticipates for the 2021-2022 school year to provide a safe learning environment for our students, staff, and community.

We realize that conditions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve, therefore, procedures in this document are subject to be changed at any time due to trends in community spread, trends in school attendance due to illnesses, or state/local mandates. Families will be given as much advance notice as possible should adjustments be necessary.

We appreciate your understanding and patience in these challenging times. Our desire is to continue to work together to provide the safest and most productive setting for your child.

Sincerely,
Stanley Jessee



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Health and Safety Measures

Infection Control

- All campuses will institute frequent cleaning and disinfecting practices. These practices will include additional cleaning by janitorial staff, daily disinfecting all classrooms and restrooms, as well as providing the opportunity for children to clean their own spaces before and after they are used, in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
- Social distancing of at least 3 feet will be encouraged.
 - It is important to note that under the current TEA guidelines distancing will not be possible in all building areas, as there is not enough square footage in our classrooms or campuses with most students attending daily.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the buildings.
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize hands.
- Students will have instruction on effective hand-washing. All students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- Students, staff and visitors will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, cover in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or hand sanitizer should be used.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be available to all students, staff, and visitors on each campus.



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Health Screenings

- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each. Please see the list of COVID-19 symptoms in the attached appendix.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their child to school. Please see the list of COVID-19 symptoms in the attached appendix.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the office if any COVID-19 symptoms are present.
- All visitors are asked to self-screen before entering any campus building.

Campus Operations

- The District will create universal signage for all facilities including, but not limited to, signs for the use of face coverings, social distancing, and hand-washing and sanitizing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Proper cleaning and disinfecting of school workspaces, and high-traffic areas will be conducted routinely throughout the day.
- All classrooms will be provided with wipes, cleaner, and hand sanitizer for students to clean their learning surfaces in ways that are safe and developmentally appropriate.
- All classrooms will be disinfected at the end of each day using a Chlorox 360 Electrostatic Sprayer.

Learning Environments

- Desks and tables will be arranged to maximize space between students. It is important to note that we will not be able to place students 3 feet apart in all classrooms due to size limitations.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and regularly shared objects.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.
- Whenever feasible and appropriate, classes can be held in other locations outside the classroom to promote distancing between students and to help reduce the likelihood of the spread of a virus.



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Food Services

- All cafeterias will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Cafeteria serving and eating areas will be cleaned between use.
- Grab N Go carts will be utilized for breakfast at the junior high and high school campuses to enhance social distancing.
- Tables in both cafeterias will be placed in a manner to help distance students.
- Students will be seated in a way to promote social distancing.
- Elementary students will be served breakfast in their classroom to minimize the number gathering at one time in the cafeteria.
- Junior high and high school students will be allowed to eat meals in a variety of available areas to maximize social distancing. These areas can include the lunchroom, the junior high gym, the high school gym foyer and outside.
- Students are not allowed to share food.
- Students will not be required to use a keypad at the cashier point of sale to enter identification information.
- Meals will be served on disposable trays.

Transportation

- Ridership will remain at typical district capacity which means social distancing will not be possible on school buses.
- Face coverings will be provided for bus riders who wish to wear one.
- Parents will be encouraged to transport their children to school daily as it is the safest means of transportation due to COVID-19.
- All buses will have hand sanitizer available for use while loading and unloading.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Windows will be lowered to allow for appropriate ventilation (weather permitting).
- Buses will be disinfected after each bus trip, focusing on high-touch surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs, and door handles.



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Isolation Procedures Related to COVID-19

- If a student or staff member has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse, or other school health personnel, will provide a clinical assessment to determine if, and when, a student/staff needs to be sent home.
 - If COVID-19 symptoms are present: staff members will be sent home, and students will be isolated from other students and asked to put on a face covering until the parent arrives.
 - Areas used by an individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be cleaned and disinfected as soon as is feasible.
 - Students required to go home should be picked up within 30 minutes and not later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacts the student's parents/guardians.

Students Who have COVID-19

- School systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 symptoms or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met.

Return To School Criteria

- Individuals having, or suspected of having, COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until the readmission criteria for the conditions are met. Readmission criteria for COVID-19 are as follows:
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared;
 - The individual has been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever suppressing medications;
 - The individual has improvement in symptoms



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Notification Procedures Related to COVID-19

- If an individual who has been in a school is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Possible Additional Prevention Strategies

- Should there be significant changes in community spread and/or school attendance due to COVID-19, or any communicable disease, Rivercrest may implement additional prevention strategies to help reduce transmission. Prevention strategies may include some, or all, of the following:
 - Staff and student temperature screenings;
 - Discontinuing school assemblies and other activities that bring large groupings of people together;
 - Restricting visitors to only those essential for school operations;
 - Quarantining individuals who are determined to have high risk exposure due to close contact as determined through Contact Tracing;
 - Temporarily closing school for deep cleaning and to break the cycle of exposure.



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Appendix I

Definition of COVID-19 symptoms

The following question and criteria will be used to determine whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting