

# COVID-19 GUIDANCE 2021-2022 RANGELY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

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We believe in-person learning is best for our students, staff and community and that continued school closures threaten the health and safety of our children. In addition to learning losses, children face increased risks of food insecurity, poor mental health and social-emotional wellness, and lack of physical activity.

## Starting Dates

### Guidance

- **Preschool:** Begin school on August 18<sup>th</sup>
- **K-5:** Return to school August 18<sup>th</sup> with preliminary testing August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Junior/Senior High School:** Return to school on August 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Staff:** Return to school on August 9<sup>th</sup>

### Other Considerations

- Watch for possible changes to our calendar as directives from the state will affect our planning.
- Staff will reach out to students for any testing or other matters in setting up schedules.

## Vaccinations

### Guidance

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 are not required for students, staff members, and visitors.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention highly encourage vaccinations for all eligible individuals

### Other Considerations

- Being vaccinated will impact requirements for quarantine and isolation.
- Increased vaccination rates will allow the district to more quickly return to full pre-pandemic operations.
- Testing information can be found at the Rio Blanco County Public Health's website.  
<https://rbc.us/629/COVID-19-Vaccinations>

## Health Screening

### Guidance

- **Students:** Self-screen for symptoms and temperature prior to coming to school.
- **Staff:** Self-screen for symptoms and temperature prior to coming to school.
- **Visitors:** All visitors who need to be in the buildings must self-screen for symptoms and temperature prior to coming to school.

### Other Considerations

- Remain home if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or if a family member or other close contact has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms.
- If a student, staff members, or visitors develop symptoms during the day, they will be required to go home.

## Masks/Face Coverings/PPE

### Guidance

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- We will not police or enforce a mask mandate for students, staff, or visitors.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment is recommending masks be worn in the school setting.

### Other Considerations

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- We will respect the decisions of students, staff, and visitors to wear or not wear a mask.

## Hygiene

### Guidance

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- **All:** Wash hands frequently with soap and water or utilize hand sanitizer.
- **All:** Cover coughs and sneeze in tissues/elbows.

### Other Considerations

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- Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, and tissues will be available in every classroom.
- Automatic Hand Sanitizers will be available at entry ways.

## Cleaning Procedures

### Guidance

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- **All buildings:** Cleaned daily by vacuuming or scrubbing and washing with soap and water
- **High-touch areas and shared objects:** Cleaned and disinfected regularly.

### Other Considerations

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- Disinfect means to eliminate most or all pathogens. This is generally accomplished by the use of liquid chemical solutions

## Transportation

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- Buses will have up to two individuals per seat.
- We will have in-town routes as well as routes for preschool.
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- The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment is recommending masks be worn on busses.

### Other Considerations

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## Protocols for Positive Cases and Return to School

### Guidance

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- Lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 of a staff or student member.
  - Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will need to complete the isolation period as determined by public health agencies.
  - Unvaccinated students and staff who have been determined to be a close-contact with a COVID-19 positive individual may still be subject to quarantine orders by public health agencies.
  - Vaccinated students and staff shall be exempt from quarantine guidelines unless they become symptomatic and/or test positive for COVID-19.

### Other Considerations

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- The district will work with Public Health to further define the guidelines.
- The State will weigh in on this as well and we are waiting on guidance.

## Online and Distance Learning

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- We will not offer online or long-term distance learning options this year.

### Other Considerations

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- Students who must remain home for longer than four school days due to illness or quarantine/isolation orders will be provided services that may include utilizing the Google Meet platform.

## Extracurricular Activities

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- When traveling, all students, staff, and visitors will follow the guidelines established by the host school when those guidelines differ from ours.

### Other Considerations

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- As of August 3, 2021, the school district has received no information from CHSAA or CDPHE regarding extracurricular activity expectations for 2021-2022.
- CHSAA has indicated they are planning for a normal activities schedule.

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## Resources

CDE guidance: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/planning20-21/healthguidancebycovidphase>

CDC schools guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>