

Riverside Local School  
Safe Return of In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan  
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Riverside Local Schools will continue to provide in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. We believe that the best place for children to learn is at school. This is why we are proud that Riverside Local Schools started the 2020-21 school year on schedule, with all students everyday. This allowed our students and families to return to a normal routine, which we believe is mentally and emotionally healthy. All students, but especially our students with special needs, were able to once again receive all their services in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

All Ohio Department of Health and local guidelines have been and will continue to be respected and implemented.

There are many safeguards in place to ensure students, staff, and families are safe while in the building.

- Masks are voluntary as of June 2, 2021.
- Every effort was made to physically space and distance students in classrooms and lunch periods. In most cases 3-6 feet distance was maintained.
- Handwashing and sanitizing are encouraged by staff. There are several hand-sanitizing stations throughout the building and in every classroom.
- School Nurse monitors absences and conducts contact tracing of any positive Covid-19 cases with staff and students. Quarantine protocols set forth by the Ohio Department of Health are followed in such cases. We will continue to monitor symptoms.
- We offered vaccination opportunities to staff and students (16-up). We will continue to partner with the Logan County Health Department and various health partners to provide vaccination opportunities.

Dramatic improvements that have a direct impact on air quality, attendance, and has provided solutions to combat airborne contaminants. The quality of air has been improved through multiple ways:

- Ventilation - The air within the building is purged multiple times per day. Purging of air means the number of air exchanges of inside air replaced with outside air..
- Filtration - The filtration system has multiple level manufactured 2" and 8" filters installed. These filters are changed during the year.
- Air Stream Purification - The Ionization Filtration System contains UV-C, ION, and LED technologies. This system cleans the air through the coil, duct, and occupied space. It reduces odor, allergens, pollutants, and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's). It also reduces airborne dust and particles. Finally, this new system reduces germs, mold, bacteria, and viruses up to 99.99%.
- HVAC Cleaning - Waibel cleaned the HVAC system including the coils, ductwork, drain pan, internal cabinet, and fan wheels.

- We have also gone to a healthy surface solution protocol. This process is an intensive antimicrobial interior and exterior cleaning. It is designed to kill cells by penetrating the wall of each cell, killing the germ. This process is effective for 30 days. This was done multiple times. There is a sticker on the main entrance door, documenting when this process was done.

This plan was created in June 2021. We will continue to implement guidelines mandated by local and state officials. Upon review semi-annually, when changes occur, this plan will be adjusted as warranted.

#### Use of Local Funds 21-22

The district is planning to spend funds in the areas of technology, learning loss, and operations.

For the 21-22 school year, Riverside Local Schools will address learning loss with multiple during and after school activities. Riverside will be operating summer school two times during the summer as well as the 9th period program during the year, in which students will participate in after school learning activities to close the learning gap. Riverside Local Schools hopes to participate in different STEM activities for all students in the form of field trips, assemblies and guest speakers to enhance and differentiate instruction. Riverside Local Schools programs like DibelsNext, Acadiance, I-Ready, and Reading Ways student data to monitor learning gains in core subjects.

Riverside will be updating HVAC equipment and will continue to have germstop applied to clean the facilities. Riverside has invested in Ionized filters to improve air quality as well as frequent air exchanges in the building. Riverside has established more cafeteria seating for convenience during lunches,

As far as technology, Riverside has made an investment on internet infrastructure, as well as student devices. We have one on one chromebooks for all students attending Riverside. Student's in grades 5-12 are able to take the devices home with them.