

SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 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 18th
- **K-5:** Return to school August 18th with preliminary testing August 16th & 17th
- **Junior/Senior High School:** Return to school on August 16th
- **Staff:** Return to school on August 9th

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

- 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

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

Hygiene

Guidance

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

Other Considerations

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

Physical Distancing

Guidance

- **All:** 3-foot distancing provides substantial benefits and is acceptable in the context of a comprehensive disease control strategy.

Other Considerations

Cleaning Procedures

Guidance

- **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

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

Protocols for Positive Cases and Return to School

Guidance

- 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

- 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.
- The school district will work in collaboration with Public Health to determine the risk of transmission regarding:
 - Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days.
 - Percentage of NAAT's that are positive in the past 7 days
- The school district will work in collaboration with Public Health in determining other preventative actions.

Online and Distance Learning

Guidance

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

Other Considerations

- 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

Guidance

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

Other Considerations

- 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>

The plan will be updated every six months

Board meeting dates - [Link](#)

Students and staff are encouraged to reach out to our school counselors for and needs around social, emotional, mental health, or other needs. They will also be reaching to support our district throughout the school year.