

RCS Protocol for Exposure to / Symptoms of COVID

- If a student/staff member has at least 1 symptom, (fever of 100.4 or greater, new cough, shortness of breath, chills, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell) the student/staff member is sent home.
 - RCS notifies the Person County Health Department.
 - If the student/staff member tests positive, the student/staff member cannot come to school until 10 days after first exhibiting symptoms, has been at least 24 hours fever-free with no medication, and other symptoms are improved.
 - If the student/staff member has a medical diagnosis of something else, (ie. ear infection) the student/staff member follows normal protocols for returning to school after an illness.
- It is recommended that the student/staff member get tested for COVID if he/she is exhibiting any symptoms.

RCS Protocol for Confirmed Positive COVID Cases

- RCS notifies the Person County Health Department of the positive case.
- If the student/staff member is on campus, he/she will be isolated until a parent picks him/her up.
- The student/staff member cannot come to school until 10 days after first exhibiting symptoms, has been at least 24 hours fever free with no medication, and other symptoms are improved.
- Person County Health Department will follow-up with contact tracing.
- Individuals who are considered close contacts of a confirmed positive COVID case will be contacted by the Person County Health Department with instructions regarding monitoring for symptoms, testing, and the need to quarantine.
- If a student/staff member has been exposed, the student/staff member is sent home for 14 days regardless of testing positive or negative or exhibiting symptoms. RCS notifies the Person County Health Department. RCS will also notify parents if their child may have been exposed.
- If there's an identified cluster, (5 or more confirmed cases) a professional cleaning crew will be contacted to perform a deep cleaning of the identified area(s) per CDC guidelines.
 - RCS will work in conjunction with the Person County Health Department to determine the next steps and may implement school closure from 2 to 5 days, depending on the health department's recommendation.

- If the Person County Health Department recommends a temporary school closure, (2-5 days) all staff/students will work remotely during that time frame.
- If the number of COVID cases in Person County increases, RCS will work in conjunction with the Person County Health Department and make a decision about which type of instruction will be in the best interest of the students and staff (Hybrid or Remote).
 - If this decision is made due to an increase in COVID cases, a recommendation will be made to the RCS Board of Directors to move to Plan C (all remote learning).