

Randolph County School System

Safety Protocol Plan

Opening Date: August 2, 2021



The RCSS Safety Protocol Plan is based on current COVID-19 cases in the district, guidelines from federal/state/local agencies, and other conditions that may impact the safety of students and staff. This plan may be modified as conditions warrant.

Student/Staff Arrival Health Screening

- Prior to coming to work/school, parents should monitor their children and staff members should monitor themselves for any symptoms.
- Upon arrival, ALL students and staff members will have their temperature screened using a touch-free Infrared thermometer.
- Students and staff will practice social distancing while waiting to be scanned. This also ensures each individual's privacy.
- Any student or staff member who registers a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, will be asked to report to the nurse for a temperature recheck and symptom check.
- Any student or staff member who continues to have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit on rescreen will be required to go home.
- The nurse will contact the parent or guardian to pick up the student. In the event that the nurse is unable to reach anyone within one hour, the school resource officer or superintendent will be contacted for assistance.
- Students will be instructed to wait in the designated holding room until they are picked up by their parent/guardian.
- The staff member who is monitoring the holding room is required to follow COVID-19 safety protocols.
- If at any time the student or staff member requires emergency assistance, EMS will be called.
- The nurse will keep a student and staff log of anyone who was sent home.
- The nurse will provide a copy of this log to the principal on a daily basis.
- In an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, visitors will be limited into the schools.
- Visitors who are permitted into the building will have a temperature screening performed before being admitted.
- Administrators will establish one entrance and one exit.



Classrooms, Buildings, and School Disinfecting Protocol



- Students will practice social distancing from the arrival on campus through departure.
- Classroom capacity will be adjusted to allow all student desks to be positioned at least three feet apart, to the maximum extent possible.
- Students will be assigned a specific space/seating chart.
- All desks will be positioned facing the same direction to limit face-to-face contact.
- Schools will minimize the movement of students.
- Face coverings will be a must. Every student and staff member will be required to wear a face-covering (that covers the nose and mouth) at all times.
- Each school will be provided with masks for students who do not bring them to school and for students who cannot afford to purchase masks.
- Face coverings will be removed during lunch, snacks and during scheduled movement breaks throughout the day.
- Administrators will create site-based procedures for the classrooms and restrooms.
- Signage will be utilized to ensure procedures are being followed. School-based staff will teach and implement required procedures.
- Necessary learning supplies will be provided to all students.
- Sharing of materials and supplies will not be permitted – when necessary, items will be disinfected between use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- On a daily basis, the District's custodians will perform routine cleaning depending on building use and number of occupants in each space.
- On a daily basis, staff shall be diligent about disinfecting high contact surfaces that could spread COVID-19.
- Air filtration systems will be utilized in all classrooms and throughout the building.



Transportation



- Parents are encouraged to provide transportation for their student(s) if possible.
- Bus schedules for returning students will be posted on the district website by July 29th for specific pick up and drop off times.
- Bus drivers and Bus monitors must wear a mask when passengers are on board the bus.
- Students will be required to wear face coverings on the bus.
- School administration, in conjunction with the driver, will establish seating charts with social distancing to the maximum extent possible.
- Students within the same household may be seated together, but will still be required to wear masks.
- All buses will be sanitized and disinfected after each morning and afternoon route.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be on each bus, and students will be encouraged to use it upon entry and exit.
- Students will load the bus from back to front in order to encourage social distancing throughout the bus ride.
- Although the CDC recommends cleaning buses once a day, our district will clean buses twice per day.
- Bus drivers will wipe down high-touch areas between each run.
- Signage will be provided to remind students and parents of the traffic flow pattern upon entrance and exit of school grounds.
- Appropriate signage will be displayed inside the bus reminding students and staff that appropriate PPE must be worn at all times.
- Drivers will be instructed to, weather permitting, open windows, and hatches to increase ventilation.
- Dismissal procedures will include a staggered entrance and exit of the school. Car line will also be staggered for both arrival and dismissal.
- Administrators will create site-based protocols for all late arrivals and early pickup. Parents/guardians picking students up will have to wait in the designated area, with face covering, and student will be escorted to them.

Food and Nutrition

- Breakfast and lunch meals will be provided to all students.
- Students will be required to perform hand hygiene before and after eating. This will be promoted with signage and the increased accessibility of hand sanitizer.
- All schools will participate in a grab-and-go breakfast and socially distanced lunch program.
- Administrators and teachers will educate students and post signs on proper entering, exit and disposal of trash procedures.
- Students will wear face covering up to the point of beginning their meal. Immediately upon finishing their meal, face cover will be put back on.
- Staff will clean and disinfect tables, chairs, service areas and other frequently touched surfaces between groups in addition to before the start and at the end of service.
- Staff will be wearing face coverings and practice proper hygiene and glove wearing. Service to students will be handled in a contact free manner.
- Physical guides will be provided to ensure that students remain at least three feet apart when possible while moving around in the cafeteria or waiting in line. For example: floor decals, colored tape, or signs to indicate where students should sit or stand can be used to guide students safely.



Instruction in the Building

- Staggering schedules and allowing more time between classes to reduce congestion in hallways will be practiced by teachers.
- On-campus learning will be structured to facilitate physical distancing and minimize mixing of groups, to the maximum extent possible.
- Students will remain in their assigned classrooms for core subjects, and special area teachers will come to them to deliver instruction.
- Art, music, performing arts, and P.E. classes will take place in designated outdoor spaces as much as possible.



Visiting Our Campuses

- All visitors must wear face coverings while on campus.
- All vendors, community members, and visitors will be required to sign in with a designated staff member for daily temperature checks.
- Visitors must have prior approval from staff member at least 24 hours prior to visitation on campus. Appointments will be time bound.
- Administration will determine whether meetings can be held virtually instead of in-person.
- School administration will establish a wait line system for offices and visitors where inadequate barrier systems might exist.

