River Valley School District

Reopening Schools Overview Instructional Model for 2021-2022 School Year



Our Return to the 2021-22 School Year

Anticipated plans:

The River Valley School District will be providing **in-person instruction** to all students, following the school calendar, **five days a week**. We believe students need to be in school.

Families seeking a virtual format are encouraged to utilize the Rural Virtual Academy (RV @RVA) through our consortium agreement.

<u>Flexibility</u>

Conditions, similar to last year, are ever-changing, and we will remain responsive. We will adapt when county/state/federal mandates are provided to our district as we safely provide the best education possible for all students. We will use the guidance from the CDC, DHS, and local health officials to advise our decisions.



Operations: Physical Spaces

Face Coverings / Masking

-Optional (Recommended, if unvaccinated) to start the school year

- Carefully follow data/thresholds (slide 8) and react with open communication

Safety Signage

-Social Distancing Reminders

-Masking supported / reminders to respect choices of families and to provide guidance

-Symptom Reminders / clear messaging around how to support in-school practices by keeping students with symptoms home

Drinking Water

-Bottle Filling Encouraged

Hand Sanitation Stations

-Placement in each classroom

Current Spaces & Items

-Touchless sinks, towel dispensers, soap dispensers -Identification of spaces for isolation room



Operations: Healthy Environments

Ventilation

-Increased circulation of outside air into buildings -Eliminate use of circulation fans in classrooms and hallways

Cleaning & Disinfecting

Daily and Weekly protocols for custodians/kitchen
Daily protocols for teachers in classrooms

Shared Objects

-Elimination of communal classroom supplies -Sanitization requirements for shared objects when necessary

Communal Spaces

-Staggered Use & Social Distancing (when possible)

Hand Hygiene

- -Teach and reinforce
- -Strategic signage placement



Operations: Day-to-Day

Visitors

-Visitors will register in each office

Monitoring Symptoms

- All students or staff exhibiting symptoms will be checked by school nursing staff. Parents will be notified and asked for information. Families will be encouraged to keep all symptomatic students at home until all symptoms cease (see flowchart for process).

Transportation

-Masking is required on transportation

Symptom Screenings

-Students will be checked at home by a parent/guardian prior to getting on bus or arriving at school

-Staff will self-check at home prior to arriving at work

Staffing

-Utilize staff flexibly as needed to cover daily operational needs prioritizing student learning and safety.



Operations: Day-to-Day

Students at school: Students will follow daily schedules. **Students at home (due to illness, symptoms, parent choice)**:

- Daily work will be posted to an online portal
- Teachers will use their professional judgement on reasonable amounts
- Teachers will not be expected to provide live video
- Younger students will be provided with work by the instructor
- Parents will assist in picking up materials or communicating with instructors







RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL & STAFF SYMPTOMS PROTOCOL



STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER HAVE SYMPTOMS



REMINDERS

- Hand Hygiene (Wash & Sanitize)
- Social Distancing when possible
- Continued cleaning and disinfecting processes
- Stay home with symptoms

Thresholds to mask in our schools

Data is an important component to our masking determinations.

Source of data	Low	Moderate	Substantial	High	Pandemic
	Universal practices and communication	Increased communication	Masking highly recommended	Masking mandated	Pandemic Plan
River Valley School District: Site-based COVID activity	0 - 2.5%	2.6% - 3.74%	3.75% - 4.9%	5% +	
COVID-19 Data by School District - DHS	These resources will be used daily by the administrative team to monitor data.				The RVSD pandemic plan will be used in
Sauk County: Community Transmission					
lowa County: Community Transmission					cooperation with county
Richland Cty.: Community Transmission					officials.

Communication

We believe that parents, students, and educators achieve more with clear collaboration. The RVSD staff will continue to communicate by email, phone, district portals, or in person to maintain connections with students and families.

- Arrival/Dismissal
- Strategies for families to help mitigate risk
- County and community feedback





Communication

Regular Updates

-Regular emails will be sent to families via Skylert providing updates on relevant information that has not yet been widely shared.

Social Media

-Create and post Facebook updates

Website

-The website will be continually updated and be the primary source for current information.

Notifications for Positive Cases

-The staff and families of students exposed to a positive case of COVID-19 will be notified as quickly as possible.

No personally identifiable information will be shared about students or staff

