

River Valley School District

COVID-19 District Guidelines
2022-2023 School Year



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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.

- Strategies for families to help mitigate risk
- Federal, State, County, and Community updates

Flexibility

Similar to last year, the River Valley School District 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.

Monitoring Symptoms

All students or staff exhibiting symptoms will be checked by school nursing staff. **Families will be encouraged to keep all symptomatic students at home until all symptoms cease or a negative COVID test has been obtained (see flowchart for process on Slide 6).**



Reminders of daily operations

Face Coverings / Masking

- **Optional**; our district will carefully follow data/thresholds (slide 5) and react with open communication.

Safety Signage

- Masking is supported / reminders to respect choices of families and to provide guidance will be provided.
- Symptom Reminders / clear messaging from our nursing team about students with symptoms staying home.

Drinking Water

- Water bottles are encouraged for all staff and students.

Hand Sanitation Stations

- There will be sanitizer placed in each classroom.

Current Spaces & Items

- Touchless sinks, towel dispensers, soap dispensers are installed.
- Identification of spaces for isolation will remain for nursing staff processes.



Masking Policy

[Policy 728 - Wearing Masks and Face Coverings](#) - Masks are **optional** for staff and students.

1. The CDC ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)) has updated [Community Levels by county](#) as an indicator of when to mask. If the CDC indicates a high level for Sauk, Iowa, or Richland County, then the River Valley School District will analyze internal data and may implement building thresholds for masking (Slide 5).
2. Once the CDC has determined a county to be in a high level, the River Valley School District will implement a masking requirement **if** the building threshold is met. Building thresholds are set by totaling numbers of confirmed positive COVID cases reaching **3.5%** (which would then require masks for staff and students for **5 days**): RVHS: 15 cases; RVMS: 14 cases; RVES: 11 cases; and RV ELC: 5 cases. This administrative masking will apply to all indoor activities.
3. A masking exception will be made for participants during athletic competition and co-curricular performances.
4. If a staff member or student tests positive or refuse to test, he/she will be isolated at home for 5 days from the start of symptoms. The individual may return to school on day 6 only if the individual is fever free for 24 hours without medication, symptoms have decreased, and a mask is carefully worn for days 6-10.
5. If a staff member or student tests negative, they may return to school.
6. Masking is required at school for household close contacts for 10 days from the date of the most recent positive household test. If there is a confirmed positive COVID case in the home, all exposed household members without symptoms will be masked at school for 10 days. Families will be encouraged to test on day 5/6.



Daily protocol for RVSD COVID-19

Step 1: The CDC ([Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov)) has updated Community Levels by county as an indicator of when to mask. If the CDC indicates a high level for Sauk, Iowa, or Richland County, then the River Valley School District will move to Step 2. “Community Level” indicators on the CDC will be [posted on our website daily](#).

Step 2: RVSD will begin to track positive COVID cases and require 5 days of masking if the threshold is met (see thresholds below). Masks are optional until both steps 1 and 2 are met.

	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
CDC Community levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines -Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions -Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines -Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wear a mask indoors in public -Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines -Get tested if you have symptoms -Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
RVSD process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -limited impact -masks optional -continued monitoring of levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -increased impact and heightened monitoring of level -masking optional -individuals at high risk should consult with their family physician -increased communication to families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -masking required when positive cases of COVID meet the thresholds for each building below for indoor activities during the school day. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thresholds (3.5%)</u> ELC (150): 5 RVES (300): 11 RVMS (400): 14 RVHS (450): 15</p>



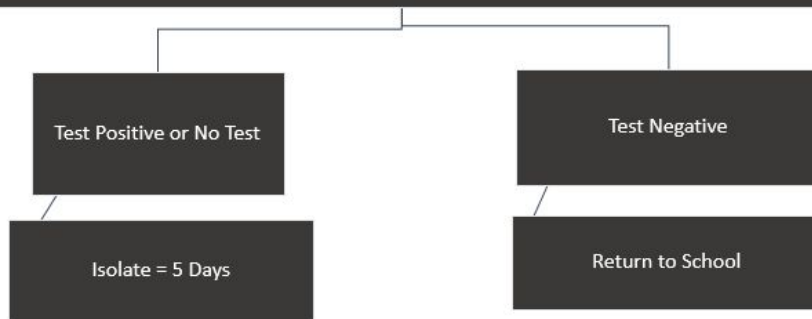
RIVER VALLEY STUDENT & STAFF SYMPTOMS PROTOCOL



STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER HAVE SYMPTOMS

Student/Staff has symptoms

- Individual removed from class
- School Team isolates individual; parent contacted.
- During the process, district communication will be sent from nursing staff.



When student/staff return to school on Day 6:

- Fever Free for 24 hours without medication
- Symptoms have decreased
- Mask is required and carefully worn through day 10

Communication

Regular Updates

- Phone contact from our nursing team will continue for students or staff with symptoms.
- Emails will be sent to families via Skylert providing updates on relevant information that has not yet been widely shared.
- Community updates will be provided on a district Facebook page.
- Our district website will be a primary source for current information.

No personally identifiable information will be shared about students or staff.

