

Russell Independent Schools

2021-2022 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to welcome all of our students back to in-person learning! Below you will find a few reminders regarding the start of the new school year. Please note that the following guidelines may be adjusted based on new federal and/or state mandates. The key to our success this school year will be flexibility.

Masks

All students and staff will wear a mask while on school buses or district owned vehicles and while inside any school building or office. This mask mandate applies regardless of vaccination status.

Social Distancing

RISD will social distance to the extent the area will allow.

Students will be spaced 3-6 feet apart while eating breakfast or lunch. To assist with contact tracing, seating charts will be utilized in classrooms and cafeterias.

Visitors

Due to the high transmission of Covid-19 in our community, we are currently allowing essential visitors only in our buildings. This includes those delivering services to students and parents attending scheduled meetings. We will revisit this issue when our community rates of transmission are lower.

Screening

Please screen your child for symptoms of Covid-19 before sending him/her to school. If your child has a temperature of 100.4 and/or has symptoms of Covid-19 please he/she should be kept home for the day.

Students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school.

Cleaning and Sanitation

High touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day.

Students and staff will have access to hand sanitizer in classrooms and common areas.

Staff will encourage handwashing and respiratory hygiene for all students.

Food Service

All students are able to eat breakfast and lunch free of charge this school year due to a waiver from the USDA. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this.

Quarantine

The District will work with local health officials (Greenup County Health Department) to determine when a student or staff member will need to quarantine.

Students who are quarantined will be contacted by his/her school to coordinate instruction.

Drop Off/Pickup/Busing

Please be patient with us. The first few days of school typically mean longer wait times in car rider lines and longer travel times on buses.

Preschool

Preschool Classes will begin on August 31st. Teachers will be scheduling an individual meet and greet for next week. Please contact Mrs. Staton if you have not had a screening or have not been scheduled for one.