

Raymond School District

Fall 2020 **DRAFT** Reopening Plan

BACK
to
SCHOOL



Guiding Principles

- Schools play an important role in nurturing the development of children and youth; accordingly, students should be allowed to return to on-site education when possible
- Protecting the health and safety of everyone involved is our highest priority
- The District should take explicit steps to address the social and emotional needs of students and employees

Guiding Principles

- Students must be taught new routines in ways that are positive, ongoing and developmentally appropriate.
- The District must be agile, and prepared to shift quickly in response to the changing conditions of the pandemic.
- Regardless of the format of education, the District must continually strive to improve the quality of instruction that is provided to all students.

The Changing Pandemic - Threat Levels

| | According to NH DHHS: | Impact to School Schedule: |
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| GREEN | Threat of the virus is reduced and social distancing requirements are loosened; schools operate with minimal modifications | School will operate with a standard schedule on-site. |
| YELLOW | Threat of the virus warrants significant caution social distancing, and use of PPE; schools can provide some on-site learning with protections in place | Hybrid model with 50% capacity for some on-site education. The student body of each school will be divided into two groups: Group A on-site M & W Group B on-site T & Th Friday - remote or other educational services (Staff work on-site Monday through Friday) |
| RED | Threat of the virus necessitates closure of the school; no on-site learning | All students will work remotely |

Changes to 2020-21 School Calendar

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS WILL BE

Grades 1-12: Tuesday, September 1

Grades Preschool and Kindergarten:
Monday, September 14



Full Remote Learning Choice

- Any parent or guardian who is not comfortable sending their child to school on-site during the pandemic can enroll that student in a full remote learning program.
- Grades K-8: Students will have the opportunity to engage in a fully remote learning program provided directly by the District.
- Grades 9-12: While many courses will be offered in remote format through RHS, not every class will be available in remote format. RHS students desiring a fully remote format may supplement, if needed, with courses through VLACS.

Student and Staff Screening

- Parents/guardians will be provided with a screening checklist and requested to screen their student each morning before going to school.
- On-site employees will engage in a daily health screening which will be verified by the school nurse.
- All staff and students who are on-site will engage in a temperature screening daily upon arrival to the school building.
- Any student or employee who has been in close contact with someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days (and work or learn remotely) for 14 days.
- Any student or employee who has traveled outside of the New England region is strongly advised to self-quarantine (and work or learn remotely) for 14 days.

Response to Illness

- In the event that a person is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 while at school, the District will coordinate closely with NH DHHS, Division of Public Health Services.
- In the event a person doesn't meet screening requirements or displays symptoms in the building, the following steps will be taken:

Response to Illness

- Ensure the person is wearing a mask and is then isolated under the care of the nurse
- If suspected or confirmed COVID, immediate call to public health.
- Symptomatic persons instructed to contact healthcare provider and self-isolate at home.
- Asymptomatic persons having close contact exposure to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or who report travel related risk should self quarantine for 14 days.
- Persons suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 must stay out of educational programming until symptom-based criteria are met.

Social Distancing

- Student desks will be placed 3-6 feet apart, with the goal of 6 feet or more whenever possible
- 6 foot markers will be placed in areas where lines would normally form
- The direction of foot traffic will be visually indicated in hallways
- Classrooms will have assigned seating (to assist in contact tracing)
- Grades PreK-5, class cohorts will stay together
- Grade 6-12, staggered class dismissal will allow for a limited number of students passing in the hallway at one time

Social Distancing

The flow of student arrival and dismissal will be regulated by strategies such as:

- Using multiple entrances/exits
- Dismissing students to buses from classrooms
- Requiring students to remain on buses until called upon to enter the school

Social Distancing

Music Programs

There will be no indoor group or ensemble singing until tested mitigation techniques are proven effective. If providing in-person indoor instrumental ensemble experiences, teachers may focus on chamber music with smaller groups of students due to social distancing constraints.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Face coverings are not required for preschool students
- Face coverings are required for all students in grade K-12 at all times.
Students in grades K-3 will receive support and direction to achieve this goal.
- Face coverings are required for employees at all times.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Students and employees can wear their own face coverings or use District-provided coverings.
- Any student or employee who loses, damages or otherwise ruins their face covering will be provided another to use.
- According to the CDC, there are certain circumstances in which wearing a cloth face covering may be unsafe or challenging for students.

Personal Hygiene Routines

Staff and students will be required to practice the following practices frequently:

- Wash hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not readily available.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- If soap and water are not readily available, younger children may use alcohol-based hand sanitizer under the direct supervision of staff.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then wash hands.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, office areas, waiting areas, and break rooms.

Sanitizing Routines

Each building will receive the same level of cleaning each night, which will adhere to current CDC guidelines:

- Continue our current practice of green cleaning techniques, using HEPA filtration vacuums and microfiber cloths and mops.
- An EPA registered disinfectant will be applied nightly to all high touch areas, and frequently during the day or as needed when the building is occupied.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available in the classrooms.

Transportation

- Face coverings are mandatory on school buses for students and drivers.
- Students are expected to wash hand thoroughly before leaving for school.
- Students will have assigned seating on the bus.
- Windows will be open on the bus weather permitting.
- Buses will be disinfected twice per day .

School Lunch and Breakfast Program

- For students on-site, meals will be offered as usual with modifications in place.
- Students will be spaced at least 6 feet apart when eating lunch or breakfast.
- For students who are not on-site that day, or who are fully remote learning, bagged meals may be pre-ordered online for pickup on a predesignated day.

Before School Program and LEAP

LRES Before School Program

- Only students who attend on-site that day may participate in the Before School Program.

LRES and IHGMS LEAP

- LEAP will operate on-site with additional remote support for students who are not at-site that day.
- The program will conclude at 5:00 PM each day.

Athletics

- The District will offer sports that are categorized by the NHIAA as low risk.
- Intermediate and high risk sports may be allowed with required modifications.