

Renville County West Return-to-School Plan**

Modified and adopted by the RCW Board of Education on August 9th, 2021

***All categories of the Return-to-School Plan are subject to change based on high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff.**

Category	Important Notes
Face coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face coverings are recommended in school buildings, but are not required at this time.• Face covering usage on transportation is required as per federal public transportation code.• Face coverings may be required in instances such as: high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff.• Individuals with underlying health conditions will have their face covering needs met on a case by case basis.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents and Guardians are being asked to drop off and pick up their children at the door.• In certain instances, such as parent meetings and classroom presentations, visitors may be allowed into the RCW buildings for limited periods of time with prior approval.• The RCW Dashboard will continue to provide local updated case information as one data point for decision making.• Visitors may not be allowed in instances such as: high number of school cases, high community transmission rates, or lack of staff.• If you are sick, please stay in your car. We will be happy to send your child out to you when you arrive and call the office.
Promoting Vaccinations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families interested in information about vaccines (locations, dates, etc) may contact the school office, School Nurse Jill Howard, Renville County Public Health, or contacting your own health care provider is always good practice as well:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PK-12 Office: 320-329-8368○ Renville County Public Health 320-523-2570○ Kandiyohi County Public Health: 320-231-7800○ Nurse Jill Howard: jnhoward@rcw.k12.mn.us

<p style="text-align: center;">Strategies for Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ventilation ● Hand washing ● Sneeze/Cough etiquette ● Voluntary screening/testing ● Cohorting (<i>if needed</i>) - keeping people together in a small group and keeping them together for the duration of the day, to limit the spread. ● Assigned seating will be used. ● Continued cleaning and sanitizing ● Plexiglass is available upon staff request. ● Spot quarantines and face covering implementation of student groups or classrooms when needed. ● RCW Early Childhood Special Education services will be provided to students onsite, or in an agreed upon public facility.
<p style="text-align: center;">Online Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Blue/Gold/Green hybrid rotation will be created, if needed. ● Family color will be the same from last year; new families will be notified of their color. ● Synchronized distance learning will be offered only in cases of quarantine and/or if numbers warrant the District moving to a Hybrid model. ● Parents interested in the contracted third party online learning only option for their student(s) must contact the District for further information related to the District's plan. This option is available at the beginning of the year or at semester break only.
<p style="text-align: center;">Direct Student Support (Special Education and English Learners)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RCW Schools will utilize the recommendations for Delivering Direct Student Support Services guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education. ● This includes the <i>potential</i> for certain students to receive more in-school or in-person instruction in the event of a hybrid or distance learning model being implemented. ● Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) will be followed and evaluated to ensure appropriate access and equity. This includes the level of masking appropriate for those students.
<p style="text-align: center;">Quarantine-Contact Tracing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you are sick, please stay home. ● When waiting for test results or when a positive test is discovered - isolate from school. Contact tracing may become necessary in determining additional positive cases. ● Testing may result in shorter-term quarantine/isolation. ● 3 feet is the initial social distance threshold for contract tracing purposes. The District may move to 6 feet threshold if cases warrant. ● 10 day quarantine where needed (change from 14 days in 2020-2021) ● Fully vaccinated students without symptoms will not be required to

	<p>quarantine if exposed.</p>
<p>Extracurriculars/ Activities/ Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spectators will be allowed at all extracurricular activities. ● The District reserves the right to limit capacity based on local and state agency recommendations. ● Face coverings are recommended but not required and are subject to change. ● Regular preventative testing of students in extracurriculars is not required. ● Students/Coaches exhibiting COVID-like symptoms may be asked to test prior to returning to their activity. ● Testing may result in shorter-term quarantine/isolation. ● Fully vaccinated students without symptoms will not be required to quarantine if exposed.
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face Coverings are required while riding on school provided transportation per federal law. Families should provide face coverings for their own children. ● Assigned seating will be implemented. ● Renville in town transportation will resume for the 2021-2022 school year albeit fewer stops than previous years. Stop locations will be announced prior to the start of the school year via the RCW Website and the JMC message center. ● Bus stop locations have been determined by capacity loads which include licensed Day Care operations.
<p>Mental Health Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School-linked mental health: https://www.woodlandcenters.com/services/school-based-services/ ● Karlee Eichten, School Counselor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ keichten@rcw.k12.mn.us ● Shereen Frank, 6-12 School Social Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sfrank@rcw.k12.mn.us ● Jamie Golberg, Elementary School Social Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ jgolberg@rcw.k12.mn.us ● Verbal or physical harassment of vaccination status/face covering preference will not be tolerated.

****Pending additional information from MDE and MDH**