

Renick R-V School District

2020-2021 Re-entry Plan



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RETURN TO SCHOOL GUIDANCE

In collaboration with the Randolph County Health Departments, the families of our students via survey, staff input via survey, consultation with healthcare providers, as well as guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, this plan was developed for re-opening our schools on August 25th. The safety of our students and staff are paramount and implementation of this plan was developed by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs and context of the Renick community.

The following questions were the primary focus of this plan:

- 1. What do our students/families want/need?**
- 2. What does our faculty/staff want/need?**
- 3. What do health providers propose/recommend?**

As health experts learn more about COVID-19, this plan will likely evolve to better prevent the spread of this virus.

This guidance pertains specifically to school settings and operations and may differ from guidance provided to the general public. The recommendations included in this document are endorsed by the Randolph County Health Departments and the Renick R-V School District and is **subject to adjustment as conditions change.**

This guidance to the extent possible was established with the current known factors as of July 21, 2020.

Preventing the Spread

- Student and Staff will be screened daily.
 - Temperatures taken at the door or on the bus.
 - Questions asked to faculty and staff and questions will be sent home for parents to screen daily:
 - Have you had any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours?
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
 - fatigue

- muscle or body aches
 - headache
 - new loss of taste or smell
 - sore throat
 - congestion or runny nose
 - nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - Have you been in close contact in the past 2 weeks with an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- If a staff member or student/parent answers “Yes” to any of the screening questions, they should not report to school.
 - The nurse will implement random temperature checks to reinforce the practice of self- screening.
 - Staff or students who exhibit symptoms must stay home
 - The district will encourage hand washing or the use of hand sanitizer upon entering a building, before eating, after eating, after restroom usage, before any group activities and before boarding school buses.
 - All students needing immunizations must receive them before the first day of school
 - Students who are sent home from school with a fever of 100 may not return for 72 hours
 - Students who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 may not return to school for 14 days and must be symptom free
 - In the event a person diagnosed with COVID-19 is determined to have been in the building and poses a risk to the staff or students, a school may close for 1-2 days for cleaning and disinfection of that building or exposed area if unable to clean during the nighttime closing.

Health Actions at School

- Staff and students are expected to wear masks when it is difficult to maintain social distancing
- Temperature checks will be taken as students and employees enter the building
Temperature checks will be taken before students are allowed on the school bus. Students having a temperature will not be picked up by the bus. Parents/guardians need to be

advised to check the child's temperature before sending them to the bus. **Temperatures must be 100 degrees or lower** to ride the bus or enter the school building.

- Parents/Guardians dropping children off late to school will be asked to sign in through the exterior window of the office and not allowed into the foyer.
- Social distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible
- Frequent hand washing and hygiene practices will be encouraged
- A sick student or employee will be quarantined until they are able to leave the building.
- Signage addressing social distancing and hygiene will be posted throughout the buildings
- Hand sanitizing stations have been added throughout the district to increase accessibility
- UVC lights have been purchased for all rooms to be used for disinfection of each room
- Maintenance staff have undergone additional training for increased cleaning protocols
- A professional cleaning service has been hired to provide daily deep cleaning of the building and monthly disinfectant fogging.
- Assemblies and other large group gatherings will not take place
- The **attendance policies** have been adjusted to accommodate COVID-related illness and recovery
- Staff and Students are encouraged to bring CLEAR water bottles with water in them. A new filling station will be located in the cafeteria and middle school hallways as well as the one by the nurse's office.
- If a parent chooses to keep their child(ren) home for online learning, their Chromebook will be issued and the child(ren) will be provided online instruction in virtual real time.

In the Classroom

- Items students are allowed to bring into the school will be limited to decrease possibility of surface-contact virus spread
- Communal/shared supplies will be eliminated when possible, when it is not possible, shared items will be sanitized after student use
- Seating charts will be utilized in every classroom to assist with contact tracing

- Student desks will be placed 3-6 feet apart, facing in the same direction
- Physical distancing markers and cues are placed throughout the building, to remind and prompt students to remain six feet apart in areas where they are not stationary, such as hallways, cafeterias, restrooms, and other locations where lines assemble.

Elementary Education

- Back to School nights will be conducted outside
- Breakfast will be delivered to the classroom
- Middle school will eat lunch in the auditorium to allow for social distancing
- Recess will be staggered and held outside
- Assemblies will not take place in person but online or over the intercom
- Hall lockers will not be issued, students will be asked not to bring items from home that are not necessary for school and use backpacks for their school issued device and supplies

Early Childhood

- In-person appointments will be scheduled for students to meet their teacher
- Parents as Teachers will continue as guided by the National Parents as Teacher Association suggests.
- Staff are expected to wear masks or face shields when social distancing isn't possible
- Toys and play equipment will be sanitized frequently

Special Programs

Students with an IEP will receive a personal phone call from staff prior to the first day of school to discuss:

- [CDC Guidance regarding children who may fall into a high-risk category for illness](#)
- How IEP services can be provided in a traditional return or a virtual return
- Review of the student's IEP

- Methods of instruction
- District-wide safety measures
- Transportation options

School Bus Safety

- It is encouraged for parents/guardians to transport their students if possible.
- Bus drivers are expected to wear face coverings on the bus
- High School students will be bused separately.
- Students will be assigned by families/households when possible
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized between routes
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for students boarding and exiting the bus
- Buses will be loaded back to front and unloaded front to back.
- Windows will be open weather permitting

Dismissal Procedures

- All students will remain in their classrooms. Each group will be called over the intercom in this order: Walkers, Karen's Bus, Rick's Bus, and then each parent pickup will be called.
- Parents/Guardians are to continue with last year's process of pickup. The school will provide a poster for pickup to be placed on the driver's side dash window stating the student(s) needed for pickup.

Technology

- Students K-8 will be assigned a district device for their individual use to help limit transmission of infection through the sharing of devices
 - There will be a limited supply of devices available at school for students to borrow, these devices will be disinfected prior to being issued to the student for the day
- In shared device settings, such as computer labs, classroom iPad carts, etc. the following procedures will be followed:
 - Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and after using a shared device
 - At the end of each classroom use of shared devices, the teacher will disinfect the used devices

- Building techs will follow the procedures listed below when supporting users with technology needs:
 - Frequent hand washing and/or use of hand sanitizer
 - Disinfect device brought in for support or repair prior to working on the device
 - Disinfect device and sanitize hands prior to returning device to user

Building Usage, Visitors, and Volunteers

- No outside facility rentals
- Visitors will not be allowed in buildings
 - No walking students to class
 - No lunch visits
 - No volunteers
- Essential visitors will be logged for contact tracing
- An essential visitor includes **contracted services, maintenance, food service deliveries**
- Essential visitors will be expected to wear a mask while in the building

POSITIVE COVID CASE

If an individual within a school building is tested positive for COVID-19, schools must work with their local health department but could expect some of these parameters to be put in place:

- Identify who the individual was in contact with, within a 6-foot space, for at least 15 minutes. If specific contacts cannot be identified, quarantine everyone who was in the same room, bus, or other areas. Schools will need to keep room/bus logs or photos in order to assist with contact tracing. By having a seating chart, bus seating charts or photos, the number of students required to be quarantined can be minimized.
- Parents and staff will be notified if there is a positive case within the school community.
- Students and Staff with symptoms should not attend school and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school. For students and staff who are diagnosed with COVID-19, confirmed by a laboratory test, return to school is permissible when the student and staff has a negative test result. Return to school for children with an alternate diagnosis is at the discretion of their healthcare provider. Children with a known

close contact with COVID-19 (or an adult with symptoms compatible with COVID-19) should stay home for 14 days from their last contact and until return to school is approved by the local health department in accordance with the CDC guidance.

SCHOOL CLOSURE PLAN

- All instruction will be presented via Internet through Google Classroom, Dojo, email, texting or phone conversation. No packets will be provided.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to seek options for good Internet access prior to shut down.
- Students not completing assignments will be assigned to individual online tutoring. If this does not alleviate the lack of assignment completion, the student will be mandated to complete a summer school program to proceed to the next grade level or may be retained.
- Parent/Guardian resources will be provided through videos, quick tips and help documents on the district website. www.renick.k12.mo.us

Activities

At this time no decisions have been reached in regards to fall sports, as we are still waiting for guidance from the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA and the Randolph County Health Department. We will release this information when it becomes available.