



RCDS Community Compact

As we start the 2020-2021 academic year, Rye Country Day School's highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of our community. This compact is the RCDS Community's call to action to stay alert and follow all current restrictions and guidelines and to recognize our shared responsibility for community safety and the well-being of our essential workers, colleagues, classmates, employees, neighbors, family and friends. Given the interdependence of all members of the RCDS Community, this effort requires the collective commitment of all parents, students and employees to do all we can to reduce and stop the transmission of COVID-19 within and around the RCDS community. Consistent with our motto of "*Not for Self, but for Service,*" this compact also serves as our community's pledge to adopt such changes in habits or daily life routines both on and off-campus as may be requested by the School or public health authorities to promote the safest school environment possible and, in turn, safeguard the health and well-being of others. Students and their guardians are required to agree to and acknowledge this compact, and employees will affirm this compact as part of their return-to-campus training.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to much unpredictability and uncertainty, it is clear that community-wide adherence to the fundamental principles set out below is critical to reducing the risk of transmission of the virus. As members of this compact, each of us commits to the following:

- I will monitor my health daily for symptoms and complete the Magnus health tracker survey each day before I come to campus
- I will stay home when I feel sick, or if I believe I may have been exposed to COVID-19, and will report my absence to the health office
- I will have my temperature screened upon arrival at campus
- If I test positive for COVID-19 or become aware of close contact with someone who has tested positive, I will isolate and observe quarantine requirements
- I will cooperate and provide truthful and complete information with respect to my or others' adherence to this compact, including if requested to participate in testing or contact tracing
- I will follow basic health precautions, including frequent hand washing for 20 seconds, using hand sanitizer regularly, proper respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette, and wiping down workplaces and shared-spaces, as directed
- I will wear an appropriate face covering at all times on campus, except when eating lunch or snack, during defined mask breaks, or in certain designated outdoor areas, provided I maintain a safe social distance of six feet from others
- I will keep at least six feet apart from others whenever feasible, except when I am home or solely with people I share a home with
- I will not share food or beverages and will not share school or office supplies
- While on campus, I agree to follow all policies and procedures established by the School for in-person class attendance, including dining service protocols
- I agree to comply with applicable New York State and the City of Rye protocols for group gatherings both indoors and outdoors, whether on or off-campus, and pledge not to host or participate in any gathering that exceeds the protocol limits
- I understand RCDS will follow the guidelines related to COVID-19 exposure established by the CDC, New York State, and the City of Rye, and I will adhere to these guidelines regardless of where I reside, including policies regarding travel and related quarantine requirements and athletic activity, understanding that in the case of athletic activities, I am permitted to participate in an athletic activity that takes place in New York or Connecticut if such participation is permitted by the applicable state's guidelines
- I understand the importance of our sustained, collective compliance with this compact and if I become aware of, or have reason to suspect, any material violations of this compact, regardless of the offender, I will promptly report such concerns to the Principal, Grade-Level Dean or School Nurse for review
- I will keep informed of all applicable Handbook provisions, cooperate as directed, and follow any new guidance and protocols that emerge as public health circumstances evolve

Student Acknowledgement: I agree to comply with the School's protocols to reduce transmission of COVID-19 and understand that if at any point I am unable to meet the commitments made to my fellow community members in this compact, I will refrain from all campus activities and attend all classes on a remote basis. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the provisions of this compact will be addressed by the Administration as appropriate.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement: Parents and guardians are aware that the School has implemented protocols, including the community compact set forth above, intended to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. We understand that the School is a place where, necessarily, students, employees and others must interact with each other and share space. As such, there will always be a risk that the virus could be transmitted, including by someone who has no symptoms. We further understand that students have been given an option to attend all classes on a remote basis. To the extent we elect to have a student attend classes in-person, we are doing so with knowledge of the risks and dangers related to the COVID-19 virus. Accordingly, we acknowledge the importance of the community compact set forth above and agree to comply with all applicable provisions, and to cause the above-referenced student to comply with the same.