

- Schools will continue contact tracing to identify all individuals who are in close contact to COVID-19 within the school setting or extracurricular activities.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are close contacts should quarantine and get tested 3-5 days after exposure.
- Fully vaccinated persons in close contact with an infected person do NOT have to quarantine after exposure, unless they have symptoms, but it is recommended by MSDH that they get tested.
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
- Any symptomatic student, teacher, or staff member should continue to be excluded from school/work and be evaluated by their primary medical provider.

#### **QUARANTINING:**

- Fully vaccinated students and teachers/staff do not require quarantine after contact with an infected person.
- Unvaccinated individuals who are close contacts should quarantine for a full 14 days. Quarantine can end after 10 days if the individual has no symptoms during the entire 10-day period. Close contact students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected student and both students were correctly wearing a mask, do not have to quarantine.

**Important:** Through the MSDH School Based Screening Initiative, the RCSD nurses can rapid test (with permission from the parent/guardian/employee) close contact students/employees if they have no symptoms on day 5, 6, or 7 of the 10-day quarantine. If the individual has a negative result on day 5, 6, or 7 of the quarantine period, then the quarantine period can be discontinued after 7 days instead of the 10 days.

- Quarantined students will complete assignments via Google Classroom/Canvas. There will be no virtual lessons during this time.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- School assemblies, field trips, athletics, and other activities will return to traditional school procedures while following the applicable protocols in this document.
- Schools will follow the RCSD health and safety guidelines and any extra precautions required at opponent facilities for athletics and field trip locations.

#### **VISITORS:**

- All visitors should be symptom-free and follow all school guidelines concerning health and safety.
- Visitors to campus should go directly to the school office area.
- Visitors will have temperatures taken in the office.
- Classroom volunteers and lunchtime visits will be permitted on campuses after the first two weeks of school following the school's guidelines.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- On buses, masks are **REQUIRED** due to the difficulty of 3-foot social distancing. This includes field trips, activities, and athletic event travel.
- We strongly encourage families to bring student(s) to school to help minimize the numbers on buses.
- Hand sanitizer is provided for students and bus drivers.
- Buses are disinfected following both the morning and afternoon routes.

#### **CHILD NUTRITION:**

- All RCSD students will be eligible for free school meals (breakfast, where served, and lunch) under the USDA Seamless Summer Option school food program through the end of the 21-22 school year.
- WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO SUBMIT A SY21/22 FREE/REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION SO THAT THEIR STUDENTS MAY QUALIFY FOR OTHER BENEFITS OFFERED. PLEASE VISIT [www.rcsd.ms](http://www.rcsd.ms) TO FIND THE APPLICATION OR AT <https://zcu.io/1BTn>.
- Depending on limitations of spacing and/or scheduling, some school sites may eat in the cafeteria, classrooms, or other designated areas.

\*\*Refer to the 2021-2022 Student Handbook for information on attendance, policies, etc.

\*\*\*THERE WILL BE NO CHOICE VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTION. If a student has a rare and serious extenuating health circumstance that prevents all public contact, there may be a consideration for alternate services. For more information on the application process visit [www.rcsd.ms/ESHClearning](http://www.rcsd.ms/ESHClearning).

\*\*\*The RCSD Smart Restart Plan will be updated periodically throughout the school year, as needed. Public comment will be taken into consideration. Public comments can be emailed to [RCSD-Covid@rcsd.ms](mailto:RCSD-Covid@rcsd.ms).