

## ROCORI Schools COVID Return to School Details

The ROCORI School District believes that in-person learning is best for students' learning and overall student well-being. We acknowledge that the threat of the Coronavirus has placed great difficulties on us all. The ROCORI School District is committed to providing a safe and healthy place for all students to learn and grow. ROCORI Schools and ROCORI families are in a partnership to provide a safe environment. As a partner, ROCORI will continue to provide information to families as requested by public health entities.

Our full Return to School Plan can be found here: [2021-2022 Safe Return to School Plan](#)

To have desired in-person instruction, staff and students who are experiencing COVID like symptoms are asked to stay home while symptoms are present and consider testing. Students and staff must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

### Face Coverings:

MDH, MDE, and CDC guidelines recommend masks, but they are not required. Staff and students may choose to wear a mask.

Masks are required on our school buses to and from school and include activities through January 18th (Federal mandate). Parents will be allowed to transport their children to and from activities. Please communicate with your child's advisor or coach.

### Vaccines:

ROCORI Schools is not requiring vaccinations for students, staff, or visitors/volunteers. Staff and students may voluntarily provide us vaccination status for record.

Vaccinated students and staff will not be required to quarantine unless showing symptoms or if a reset is implemented. Unvaccinated students and staff will be required to quarantine if there is close contact with a person in the household and in a reset scenario.

### Continued Mitigation Strategies:

- Distancing will be done as much as possible
- HVAC systems are running to maximize air flow.
- Cleaning practices continue to support mitigation of COVID-19.
- Temperature screens are in place and will be monitored.
- Self-screen at home for symptoms of illness. If you are ill, please stay home.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands often, sanitization stations will be used, proper covering of mouth and nose during a sneeze or cough will be taught.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to use bottle filling stations and their own bottles for water consumption.

### Positive Cases:

Positive cases must be reported and will be required to isolate for 10 days after the start of symptoms and be 24 hours symptom free prior to return. Household members will also quarantine for a minimum

of 7-days after their last exposure. 7-day quarantine must include a negative COVID-19 test, which was taken at minimum 5 days after exposure, and be symptom free. Should you choose the no test 10-day quarantine, student or staff member must be symptom free for 24 hours prior to return.

Household contacts of an individual who is experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 (allergies as an example) may attend school. If symptoms develop at school, parent contact will be made for child pick-up.

Close Contact and Resets:

#### Scalpel Approach:

In the 2020-2021 school year, ROCORI Schools made decisions first at the individual level, then classroom level, then grade or pod level, then the building level, and then at the district level. Please note that the ability to staff will be a major factor in making decisions to reset.

A reset is a 7 day with a negative test on day 5 or after or a 10-day distance learning period with no test and in both cases symptom free period of 24 hours prior to return.

5% rule: Should a pod, grade level, building, or the district get to 5% of our students being positive ROCORI would send that entity home for 10 days.

Vaccinated staff and students will not quarantine in a 7 to 10 day reset unless showing symptoms or the decision to implement the 5% rule is in place.

Students and staff who have been positive and fully recovered will be exempt from a reset 90 days after recovery from positive test result.

#### Guidelines:

Close Contact: Those who are in contact with a positive case within 6ft for 15 minutes or more cumulatively. Investigation of the positive case using seating charts, class lists and teacher interview will be used to determine a close contact.

Individuals who are a close contact and choose to quarantine may stay home to quarantine, excused, for a minimum of 7 days but could extend to 10 days, or 14 days, but it will not be mandatory.

An individual who is a close contact and is showing symptoms will be required to do a 7 day with a negative test on day 5 or after or a 10-day reset with a no test option. In both choices a person must be symptom free period of 24 hours prior to return.

#### **Upon learning of a positive case in an Elementary school or Early Childhood classroom or building the district may:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> positive case-individual notification, class is notified, monitor for symptoms.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, class is notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

More than 2 positive cases within a 10-day window will trigger a review of the case spread with the Covid Coordinator, Principal and Superintendent. A 7 day with a negative test on day 5 or after or a 10-

day reset with no test may be necessary. The reset will begin from the date of the most recent positive case. Testing is encouraged.

Depending on the spread within the building either by grade or pod and using the 5% flu reporting model a 10-day reset may be needed to further prevent spread to the rest of the building.

**Upon learning of a positive case in the Secondary classroom or building the district may:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> positive case-individual notification, close contacts are notified, monitor for symptoms.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, close contacts are notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

More than 2 positive cases within a 10-day window will trigger a review of the case spread with the Covid Coordinator, Principal and Superintendent. A 7 day with a negative test on day 5 or after or a 10-day reset with no test may be necessary. Testing is encouraged

Depending on the spread within the building either by class, grade level or wing and using the 5% flu reporting model a 10-day reset may be needed to further prevent spread to the rest of the building.

**Activities, the district may:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> positive case-individual notification, monitor for symptoms, team is notified
- 2<sup>nd</sup> positive case within a 10-day window from the first positive case-individual family notification, team is notified, monitor for symptoms, masking and testing is recommended.

More than 2 cases, depending on the size of the team, a 7 day with a negative test on day 5 or a 10-day reset may be needed to prevent spread. No practices or events will take place during the reset period.

Students will be allowed to attend school based on information received except in the case of a positive COVID test, students/staff showing symptoms, and a 10-day reset.

ROCORI offers Spartan Online School for students in grades 6-12. Please contact ROCORI's Secondary School at 685-8683 for more information.

At any time ROCORI Schools reserves the right to do a 10-day reset or add mitigation strategies by choice or directed to by authorities.