



Rabun County School System

Tiered COVID Response Protocol

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Rabun County Schools COVID response protocol during the school year 2021-22 is based on current community spread of COVID and current cases within a classroom or school. Current data will be reviewed daily. Protocols are subject to change as guidance and mandates are continually evolving.

Level 1 (No or low number of active cases on campus)

- Masks are optional.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is not allowed on campus for the entirety of their isolation period.
- Increased precautionary measures including but not limited to
 - Deep cleaning the classroom
 - Increased disinfectant spraying throughout the school day
 - Encouraging students to wash their hands
- Field Trips limited based on conditions of the destination area
- RCMS will eat breakfast in the old cafeteria & RCHS will eat breakfast in the new cafeteria.

Level 2 (moderate spread or moderate number of cases on campus) These measures may be implemented for a single classroom, on a single bus, single hallway, single school, or entire system as needed based on current data.

- In grades PK-6 the family bubble concept resumes (like last year) with limited to no exposure to students or staff outside of their bubble.
- In grades 7-12 , more restrictive procedures that RCSS implemented last year resumes as needed.
- Masks are highly recommended for staff and students in the affected area.
- Masks required on the bus for extracurricular and field trips greater than 1 hour and trips are limited as needed.

- Parents and guardians will be notified if level 2 is implemented in their student's class, hallway, or school.
 - Continue increased precautionary measures.
 - Increased temperature screenings
 - Deep cleaning the classroom
 - Increased disinfectant spraying throughout the school day
 - Limited use of the cafeteria and meeting areas
 - Limit visitors in the building
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Level 3 (high number of cases on campus) These measures may be implemented for a single classroom, a single bus, single hallway, single school, or the entire system as needed based on current data.

- Closure of the affected area, as needed, up to 10 days.
 - Live instruction through Google Classroom provided for students in the areas closed.
 - Parents and guardians will be notified.
 - Additional deep cleaning and sanitizing of the area.
 - Masks required on the bus for extracurricular and field trips greater than 1 hour and trips are limited as needed.
 - No visitors in the classrooms.
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Quarantines

Guidance regarding quarantines continues to change and we'll update our practices as needed throughout the school year.

At this time:

- Vaccinated students do not have to quarantine if exposed to a positive case, unless they develop symptoms.
- Quarantines are based on confirmed exposure (in close proximity for 15 minutes) to confirmed positive cases.
- For quarantine purposes, confirmed positive cases are through nasal swab testing only.