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COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

The responses below indicate RCSC's current understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic. Procedures may change depending on the information RCSC receives and the level of COVID-19 infection.

Q: Do I have to wear a mask?

A: The RCSC school board has elected to make masks optional at this time. **However, federal regulation still requires masks on buses.**

Q: Do I have to get vaccinated?

A: No. However, vaccination is recommended for your health, the health of those around you and the welfare of the school corporation.

Q: Can I ask a staff member or a student if they have been vaccinated?

A: No.

Q: What requirements does the school have for positive cases of COVID-19?

A: COVID-19 is a reportable communicable disease and falls under the provision of the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule (410 IAC 1-2.5). Schools must:

- Report cases to the Health Department
- Do Contact Tracing
- Isolate sick individuals
- Quarantine individuals who are identified as close contacts

Q: What is a Close Contact?

A: Since masks are optional this year, we revert to the original definition of a Close Contact.

- A Close Contact is someone who was been within six feet of a person with a positive COVID-19 test for a total of 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.

Q: Do I have to quarantine if I have been identified as a Close Contact?

A: Yes, unless you have been vaccinated or have had a positive COVID-19 test result within the last three months. Students with a vaccination card or verification through CHIRP will be considered vaccinated.

Q: Do I have to quarantine if I am vaccinated?

A: No. If you have been vaccinated and are asymptomatic you do not have to quarantine. You will need to provide proof of vaccination to avoid being quarantined.

Q: Will cohorting and social distancing be in effect?

A: Yes. The biggest threat to closing our schools is having too many students and staff out for quarantine. By limiting the number of close contacts, we increase our chances of keeping the schools open.

Q: Will elementary students be able to play with students from other classes during outside recess?

A: Yes. Transmission of COVID-19 when students are outside poses minimal risk.

Q: Are there special restrictions for Band and Chorus at the Middle School and High School?

A: When indoors, band and chorus students need to maintain six feet of separation when playing or singing.

Q. What about small group instruction, specials, lunch and indoor recess at the elementary?

A: All of these activities are permissible, but elementary classrooms will stay as a cohort to reduce the number of close contacts.

Q: Are athletic events, dances, and performances allowed?

A: Yes, at the current time there are no restrictions for these events.

Q: Are visitors allowed?

A: Non-essential visitors who are not vaccinated will be limited. A mask is required of visitors unless proof of vaccination can be provided.

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