FAQ 2021 - **Updated March 5**

The newest questions/answers are added in red.

Our goal is to provide our community with the most relevant and finalized information as possible. Knowing that some information may continue to change, we would like to emphasize that providing details that are not yet concrete only adds to confusion when changes are later made.

LIPI: Limited In-Person Instruction (Feb. 8 start date)

We are using data points to inform steady and safe expansion of supports for individuals and small groups every 1-2 weeks per guidance. The focus of LIPI is mental health, academic and social-emotional support.

LIPI is not an everyday activity for students and it does not take the place of the instruction provided by comprehensive distance learning (CDL). As we schedule, we will limit the impact on the students' CDL schedule.

HYBRID: Students are learning in person as well as CDL

The K-4 Hybrid model at Riverdale allows for students to participate in instruction in person while doing their specials in CDL. This K-4 schedule allows for students to receive core instruction in person, for minimal changes in students' daily schedules and for them to be on site every single day.

CDL: Comprehensive Distance Learning

CDL remains an option for families through the year.

When will students be returning?

A: All grade level tentative return dates are shown in the image below. These dates are subject to change.

Week of	February				March					April				May	June
	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		

Vaccination and In-Person Learning Timeline

Wave 1: K-2 Educators LIPI

K-2 Hybrid
- Teacher PD Days (No School): Mar 4-5
- K Welcome Day: Mar 9
- Gr 1 Welcome Day: Mar 10
- Gr 2 Welcome Day: Mar 11

Wave 2: Gr 3-4 Educators LIPI

Grades 3-4 Hybrid
- Teacher PD Days (No School): Mar 17-18
- Gr 3 and 4 Welcome Day: Mar 19

Wave 3: Gr 5-8 Educators LIPI

Grades 5-8 Hybrid (Estimated Dates)
- Teacher PD Days (No School): Mar 29-30
- Gr 5-6 Welcome Day: Mar 31
- Gr 7-8 Welcome Day: Apr 1

Wave 4: Gr 9-12 Educators LIPI

HS Hybrid (Estimated Dates)
- Teacher PD Days (No School): Apr 14-15
- HS Welcome Day: Apr 16

Q: Is LIPI being expanded?
A: Yes, we continue to invite and welcome more students at the grade school and high school. The grade school invited more than 50 students on site last week.

Q: Can parents volunteer in the building?
A: At this time we are not having volunteers in the building.

Q: If a staff member is exposed to COVID-19 do they have to quarantine?
A: Close contacts who have been fully immunized with a COVID-19 vaccine according to the ACIP schedule (for example, received both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine) and are at least 14 days beyond completion of the vaccine series at the time of their exposure are not required to quarantine. Fully immunized close contacts should still monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 during the 14 days after exposure and if symptoms develop, they should isolate and seek testing.

Q: What will the physical set-up look like?
A: RGS has removed furniture from school buildings to ensure classrooms are set up in a way to allow 6 feet of space between everyone in the room. Students and staff entering schools will notice a number of new things including:
- Special signage and floor markings to ensure social distancing
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Special sign-in and sign-out protocols
- Plexiglass and other physical barriers

- Reduced number of desks in classrooms to maintain social distancing (required by the State of Oregon to be 35-square feet)
- Dedicated space for students or staff who show to be symptomatic during the day
- Regular cleaning of often-used surfaces

Q: What do the grade level schedules look like?
A: Once grade level schedules are completely finalized, they will be shared with families.

K-4 | Hybrid 8:30-11

Q: If a student remains in CDL, will the format be the same as it is now?
A: Yes.

Q: Why is Riverdale doing Hybrid and not in person instruction on site all day?
A: The strength of our model is it being 5 days a week. This is a great opportunity for what we can do instructionaly with our applied learning now. At this time, we are choosing to maximize the students' learning by doing this model. Additionally, there are scheduling complexities within the K-8th model that come into play.

Q: And why are specials not in person?
A: There are requirements in Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) on how many students teachers can see in a week - K-8 would exceed that number. **Being a K-8 school where specials see all grades,** this increases the complexity of the schedules exponentially. In order to maximize student learning, this hybrid model is the best solution for the time being.

Q: When will Kindergarten return to in-person?
A: Kindergartens will return to campus on Tuesday, March 9.

Q: When will other grades return?
A: Please refer to blue and green grid at the top of the FAQ

Q: Why is Kindergarten not starting until March 9?
A: This start date allows for our staff and teachers to have full efficacy of the vaccine and March 8 is a teacher work day.

Q: Is 4th grade included in the prioritized grades?
A: Most schools are set up differently than ours and the guidance emphasizes K-3, but Riverdale will be K-4

Q: Why is the process of introducing grades slow?

A: The guidance indicates that the district should, "prioritize careful phasing in of On-Site and Hybrid for elementary school starting with younger students and adding additional grades over time."

Q: What supplies do students need to bring?
A: Students will only need a water bottle labeled with their name and a snack that they can fit in their coat pocket.

Q: Is there an after school program?
A: Not at this time. Athletics continue.

Q: If a student has to quarantine will they be moved to CDL?
A: Yes

5th-8th Grade

Q: When do you anticipate middle school students going back in person?
A: Please refer to the blue and green grid for expected return dates.

Q: What's the plan for 5th-8th? And when will it be shared?
A: The plans are being finalized with staff and will be shared on Monday at the Instructional Planning Meeting via GoToWebinar.

RHS

Q: When do you anticipate RHS students coming back to campus in hybrid?
A: We're working diligently on creative plans for our HS hybrid. We anticipate high school students returning April 16. The recommended date will align with the health metrics and when staff are able to have full efficacy of the vaccine.

Q: Other school districts are opening more, why aren't we?
Every school and district is different. The governor gave school districts local control to then work with the local public health authority (LPHA) to aid us in our decision making.

K-12 / General questions

Q: What does the air filtration at both schools look like?
A: Air Filtration/Ventilation
  ○ Harvard-CU Boulder Portable Air Cleaner Calculator for Schools (vendors Aliant Systems and US Sealing)

Grade School
  ○ Air filters changed 3x per year Merv-13 through Aliant Systems
  ○ Quantity-47 # ZUSA-AP-2 High Capacity Air Purifier
  ○ Ionizer purifiers for Gym, Commons/cafeteria, Music Building

High School

- Air filters changed 3x per year Merv-13 through Aliant Systems
- Quantity-60 # ZUSA-AP-2 High Capacity Air Purifier
- Quantity 2- 20 ton Ionizing purifiers for the 2 rooftop HVAC units on the gym

(Reviewing potential additional benefit from air scrubbers)

Q: What are the COVID-19 cleaning and safety protocols for each school?
A: Cleaning procedures and staff training can be found on Return to Learn > COVID-19

Metrics

Q: After the metrics are met, why are all of our students not back full time?
A: There are many moving parts to this equation and we will continue to discuss including our agreement to reach full efficacy of the vaccine before our workforce is required to return to in-person options.

Q: The metrics are advisory, why do we need to follow them?
A: This in-part has to do with limited liability insurance. This was discussed at length at our January Board Meeting with guest Jim Green, Executive Director of the Oregon School Board Association. Tune in for a more detailed answer.

Q: The metrics are advisory and we meet the metrics, why are we not in person full time in all grades?
A: While the metrics are advisory, we still must comply with the guidance in the RSSL and workforce agreements.

Q: If a staff/student is identified as COVID positive, do we shut down and go back to CDL or do we continue on with hybrid?
A: The district will follow ODE's Planning and Responding to COVID Scenarios in Schools, which lists all of the possible options we could face when bringing students back and the necessary actions to take.
● People who have tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate.
● Any person who has been in close contact with a person with positive COVID-19 should quarantine.
● Anyone who has been in close contact with someone who was exposed to COVID-19 does not need to quarantine.

The first and primary option is to resolve and respond to the outlined need for districts to quarantine entire cohorts whenever there is a presumptive or confirmed case following the quarantine guidance outlined in Scenario Planning for COVID-19 in Schools. This option resolves the need for additional contact tracing and allows LPHAs to focus on case investigation. This option is the simplest and most efficient, if blunt. It does have the potential impact of having more people or staff needing to quarantine than might be determined through the next option.

Vaccines

Q: Can I know if my student's teacher has been fully vaccinated?
A: Under HPPA, we are not able to share staff medical information.

Q: When will all of our teachers be vaccinated?
A: All of our staff have now been offered the opportunity to get vaccinated. Starting with our lowest grade-level teachers to high school teachers, they will be able to get their first and second vaccinations over the coming weeks.

Resources

- [Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL)](#)
- [Covid-19 Exclusion Summary Guidance (p.15)](#)
- [Planning for Covid-19 Scenarios in Schools Toolkit (p.15)](#)
- [COVID Tracking Form](#)
- [ODE Health Metrics](#)
- [Riverdale Operational Blueprint](#)