



2021-22 School Year FAQ

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COVID-19 Related Questions

Q: Does my student need to wear a mask all day?

A: [OHA's statewide rule for 2021-22 school year](#) requires face coverings in all indoor school settings, both public and private, for all people two years and older, including all students, staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors.

Everyone must wear face masks at all times when on campus. Riverdale's top priority is for our students to remain in school full time this year with as few disruptions as possible. [State and local health authorities are requiring masking outdoors](#) in public settings. We are more likely to achieve this goal if we require outdoor masking during the school day for all staff and students. This precaution adds an extra layer of safety when many have traveled over the summer.

Exceptions:

- Eating/drinking
- Outside Athletics - Masks are not required for athletes during after-school athletics but will be required for all adults and spectators.

The district will be reevaluating these decisions going forward as the COVID situation changes.

Q: Are all staff vaccinated?

A: On Wednesday, August 25, 2021, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) adopted a rule implementing the recent mandate from the Governor's Office that all teachers, school staff, and volunteers be fully vaccinated or provide their school, employer, or contractor with documentation of a medical or religious exception by October 18, 2021.

Q: Can my student get a COVID test at school?

A: RGS and RHS have rapid tests for students that are showing COVID symptoms. Parents/guardians will need to fill out a consent form that will be emailed to everyone granting the district permission to test your student.

Q: How do I report that my student has COVID or was in close contact with someone who has it?

A: Please contact front office staff at either school to report symptoms.



Q: How far apart will students be?

A: At least 3ft apart inside and outside.

Q: Are students in pods?

A: They will be in normal classes, functioning similar to how school was before the pandemic. Class lists and seating charts will be maintained should contact tracing be needed.

Q: Will we release vaccination rates of each class each week?

A: Our goal is to put the data in the statewide vaccination log system that is then shared with the public.

Q: How will vaccination status change the protocols at school?

A: Vaccination status impacts the protocols that will be followed if contact tracing is needed.

Q: If a student is sent home to quarantine, will they be able to participate in school online?

A: Riverdale is not offering CDL at this time. Many teachers continue to use Google Classroom and more technology in the classroom with accommodations being made to help students. In addition, other options are being explored to support kids who aren't able to be in the classroom.

Q: What would make Riverdale go back into CDL?

A: Riverdale will go back into CDL if directed to by the governor, OHA or county health officials. It is also possible that the district could determine that CDL would be appropriate based on other factors, including high student or staff case numbers.

Q: If a vaccinated student is exposed to COVID do they have to quarantine?

A: Protocols for quarantining are listed in the [COVID Resources](#) section of our website.

Q: Are vaccines required for students?

A: Everyone over the age of 12 is encouraged to get vaccinated, and vaccine approval for younger students will hopefully come in the next few months. At this time, however, it is not required. Parents can provide covid vaccination information when completing registration in ParentVUE.



Q: How will band classes implement covid protocols?

A: Special covers have been bought to help make band safer. Students will be socially distanced, there will be no singing, and all students will be masked except while actively playing an instrument.

Riverdale Grade School Questions

Read [this article](#) for helpful tips on mask wearing for younger students.

Q: What happens if a child becomes sick at school?

A: We have a specific protocol for this. They will be kept in the isolation room until picked up by a parent.

Q: How will lunch be safe?

A: The grade school has bought a large tent for outside in the courtyard. We will keep our students 6 feet apart during lunch, and students will have individual desks and chairs to sit at. Box lunches will be served to speed up the process.

Q: How can a parent get involved?

A: We are seeking lunch and recess duty volunteers who must be vaccinated.

Riverdale High School Questions

Q: How will lunch be safe?

A: Lunch time will be staggered in order to prevent crowding. Lunches will need to be preordered and will be individually boxed. Students are able to use or bring their own blanket or chair to eat lunch outside.

Q: Are Chromebooks available to check out from the library?

A: Yes. They are available for students during school hours but don't go home.

Q: What Chromebook do you recommend for students?

A: Students can bring their own laptops to school or check out Chromebooks for in-school use from the library. Personal laptops can connect to the Riverdale Guest wi-fi network (no password needed). As long as students are logged into their RiverdaleGoogle accounts on those devices, they can print to the HS Library printer if needed.



For families purchasing a new device for student use, we recommend the following:

- Consider models with at least 4 GB of RAM.
- Check the device's auto update expiration date before purchasing.
- Beware of screaming deals -- those can sometimes be due to imminent (or past) expiration dates.
- Google lists an [auto-update expiration date](#) for each Chromebook model. After that date, Google no longer guarantees that its system software can be updated, which can eventually lead to website compatibility issues. The devices will certainly still work after the AUE date, but website developed after that date may not work on expired devices.
- All Chromebooks run the same operating system software, so students' online experience will be the same between personal Chromebooks at home and RiverdaleChromebooks at school.

More questions? Submit them to communications@riverdale.k12.or.us