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During the 2021-22 school year, Riverhead Charter School is going to provide in-person instruction five days a week for all students K-10. All of the students will be on the main campus and school will remain from 8:00am-4:00pm. Each day the students will maintain social distancing and will be required to wear a mask.

In the case that your child has a medical concern that dictates a need for virtual instruction, we will provide a live streaming option. This will be on a case by case basis, and we ask that any inquiries or requests be send via email to Mr. McKinney (Middle and High School Principal) at pmckinney@rcsli.org for students in grades 6-10 and Mr. Mattison (Elementary Principal) at dmattison@rcsli.org for students in grades K-5. We will review the request and respond as soon as possible. It will be the expectation that all other students attend in-person instruction, as we have found that the impact on student success is greatly improved when the students are learning in-person.

We have included an overview of the safety procedures for the upcoming school year.

Review of Safety Procedures for the 2021-22 school year

Mask/Face Covering- Wearing a mask/face covering will be required by all staff and students. This includes on school buses, in common areas of school buildings, and during classroom instructional time. Students will not be required to wear a mask according to the developed mask break schedule or when they are eating/ drinking during lunch or snack. When possible please send your child with two face masks daily.

Social Distancing- Within each classroom the students are going to maintain at least 3 feet of distance during instruction and will maintain mask use during this time.

Uniforms- Students are expected to wear their RCS uniforms while attending school. There will be flexibility if you ordered uniform materials and are waiting on their arrival. In this case, just communicate with the building principal or dean of students and they will communicate this with the classroom teacher.

Health and Safety Protocols- Riverhead Charter School is taking safety precautions that include social distancing, education regarding the importance of wearing a mask, temperature screenings, designated spaces for ill students, no visitors allowed in the building, no drop off items during the day, and enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures.

Arrival- Please pull up to the designated drop off spot in front of the elementary school. Due to Covid-19, staff will not be opening car doors. We will allow students into the building at 7:55am.

Dismissal- Dismissal will begin at 3:45pm. Due to Covid-19, we have to take extra precautions and only 5 people will be allowed in the building at a time. We will move as quickly as we can.

COVID-19 Health Plan- If your child is showing any of these symptoms or has been in contact with someone that has had a confirmed case of COVID-19, we ask that you keep your student home and notify the school nurse. Families will be asked to please check for COVID-19 symptoms daily prior to arriving.



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<p><u>Pediatric COVID-19 symptoms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Headache • Runny nose • Coughing • Loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Difficulty breathing • Gastro-intestinal tract symptom (Diarrhea) • Muscle aches 	<p><u>Adult COVID-19 Symptoms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea
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Temperature Checks upon Arrival- Prior to arriving at school, parents must check their student’s temperature in addition to following up at home with screening protocols. Every student and family member who enters the school will have their temperature taken upon arrival. Students, faculty, and staff with a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over will not be permitted to attend school.

School Health Offices/Sick Student Nurse Visit- Students, faculty and staff with any possible symptoms (i.e. coughing, respiratory distress, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, or a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, etc.) will be directed to a quarantine area where they will be further assessed and monitored by a member of our office staff while awaiting transport home. Faculty and staff that self-transport, who are physically able to drive, may be escorted to their car with proper PPE worn by both ill staff member and escort.

Quarantine Room- A separate quarantine station will be assigned for anyone who runs a temperature 100 degrees or higher or shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school. This room will be immediately cleaned and disinfected after each usage. If more than one child is being sent home, all persons in the quarantine station will need to wear protective face coverings. The room will not be occupied for one hour after cleaning and disinfection has occurred.

What if my Child is Sent Home with COVID-19 Symptoms?

According to the Department of Health, any students who is sent home with symptoms will need the following to return to in-person instruction:

- Documentation from a health care provider following evaluation
- Symptom Resolution

Any student who screens positive for COVID-19 symptoms, meaning they have two or more symptoms simultaneously and are believed to have COVID-19, may return to the in-person learning environment at school with all the following:

- Documentation from a health care provider following evaluation
- Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result
- Symptom free for 24 hours