



River Valley Middle School
Return to School Plan

Social Distancing in the Classroom

- Classrooms will incorporate rows, spaced apart as much as reasonably possible. Student's desks will be facing forward and 1 table will be allowed for small group instruction.
- Students will remain in their assigned seats in their classroom.
- If small group instruction is utilized, staff and students will be required to wear a mask.
- No supplies will be shared.
- Large school assemblies are eliminated this year, and classes will not be combined.

Movement Between Classes

- Transitions during the day will be less due to implementing a block schedule.
- Directional paths will be used throughout the building; students will walk on the right in the hallway.
- Students will maintain distance in the hallways or a mask will be required.
- Restroom breaks will be scheduled.
- Teachers will transition students from one class to another.
- Masks will be required in the hallways or settings outside of the classroom.
- RVMS will have touchless water fountains with disposable cups provided.
- Students may bring disposable water bottles; however NO reusable water bottles will be allowed.

Cafeteria/Meals

- Cafeteria will be at no more than 60% capacity at a given time.
- Students will be socially distanced at the cafeteria tables with assigned seats.
- Cafeteria tables/seats will be disinfected between lunch times.
- Additional staff will be in the cafeteria to ensure appropriate supervision.
- All food and materials will be handed directly to students from staff wearing masks and gloves.
- The cafeteria floors will be marked with appropriate social distancing spacing while in the cafeteria line.
- There will be no microwaves in the cafeteria until further notice.
- Students will eat ONLY in the cafeteria unless it is medically necessary for them to eat elsewhere.
- Students shall wash hands before and after eating (additional sanitizer stations have been installed).
- Water stations with disposable cups are available in lieu of drinking fountains.
- Food sharing will be prohibited.
- Families are encouraged to put money in their online account each week to limit the number of cash transactions.

Visitors

- No classroom or lunch visitors will be allowed, until further notice.
- Visitors to RVMS for parent or office meetings must call ahead to make an appointment.
- Communication by phone/email/video conference is encouraged instead of face to face.
- No more than three people at a time are allowed in the reception area.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- RVMS staff will all work to keep the building and surfaces clean.
- Staff members will clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day and conduct overall cleanings at the conclusion of every day.
- Desks will be sanitized throughout the day. Teachers will have access to cleaning materials/supplies for their classroom.
- Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer before and after using any shared materials (PE, Art, Etc.)

Masks/Face Coverings

- Masks and face coverings will be provided to all staff members at RVMS.
- Students will be required to wear a mask when social distancing is not attainable, unless there is a documented underlying health condition.
- Students will be required to wear a mask during transition times (i.e. hallways and cafeteria)
- Teachers and students will utilize masks in the classroom when social distancing is not attainable.
- Additional masks will be available for teachers or students who are in need of one.