



School Board Office
6 Schoolhouse Road
Washington, Virginia 22747
Telephone (540) 227-0023
Fax (540) 987-8896
www.rappahannockschools.us

Important COVID-19 Mitigation Procedures Information

February 25, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our school division is informing parents and guardians that late Friday afternoon, the CDC has updated its community transmission guidance as well as mask guidelines. Based on this new guidance and the [Community Transmission](#) rating for Rappahannock County, masks are optional for all students, staff, and visitors in RCPS facilities beginning Monday, Feb. 28. This will be the case as long as the community transmission data remains in the “low” or “medium” range for visitors and staff. Per Virginia law, regardless of community transmission, any parent who elects for their child not to be subject to masking policies may opt for their child not to wear a mask.

Additionally, the CDC has rescinded the mask mandate on school buses. Therefore, beginning Monday, Feb. 28, students and drivers are no longer required to wear masks on school buses. Any child may continue to mask according to each individual family’s preference.

According to the RCPS de-escalation plan, students will begin eating in cafeterias beginning on Monday, Feb. 28. RCPS will still continue to monitor cases and contact trace when positive cases occur.

Finally, beginning the week returning from spring break (March 8), the RCPS COVID-19 dashboard will be updated once per week on Fridays. Please note that any spike in cases or evidence of an outbreak will still be communicated to families and general exposure notices will still be sent in the case of a positive case in classrooms, buses, and sports teams.

Great work, school family, on staying vigilant and keeping Rappahannock case counts low!

At your service,

Dr. Shannon Grimsley
Superintendent / Cheerleader in Chief