



**Randolph County Schools**  
**Safe Return to In-Person Instruction**  
**Re-entry Plan**  
**July 9, 2021**  
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As a part of the American Rescue Plan, each school district is required to submit and publicly post a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan* to the community and to the Georgia Department of Education.

The primary goal of RCSS throughout the COVID-19 pandemic was to keep parents, students and the community informed. Since the beginning of the pandemic, RCSS followed guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Randolph County Health Department. The district will continue to adhere to all guidelines and restrictions outlined by these agencies during the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please note that this plan is fluid and can be modified based on the conditions of the virus, as well as new requirements set by the CDC, state or local health officials.

**Return to In-Person Learning:** For the 2023-24 School year, all students will be back for in-person instruction 5 days a week. The district will not offer a virtual learning option unless otherwise notified.

**\*\* August 1, 2023- First Day of School \*\***

## ***RCSS Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan***

**Face Masks:** For the 2023-24 School Year, masks are NOT required.

**Physical Distancing:** RCSS will continue to follow recommended CDC guidelines.

**Handwashing:** Proper handwashing is important to slow the spread of COVID-19. The district will continue to provide hand-sanitizer throughout all school buildings, in every classroom and on every bus. We will continue to encourage handwashing for students and staff throughout the day.

**Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities:** RCSS will continue to ensure that our buildings are cleaned. Bathrooms, buses and other high touch areas will be cleaned regularly as well.

**Health Protocols:** Staff and students are encouraged to continue conducting health assessments prior to coming to school. As always, we will continue to provide the most up-to-date criteria on our schools and district websites.

**Contact Tracing:** When made aware of a COVID-19 case, the district will continue to investigate the case and determine quarantine protocol. We will continue to work with the Randolph County Health Department to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

**Vaccinations:** While vaccines are not required, we encourage all those who are eligible to receive a vaccination in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.

**School Meals:** RCSS students will continue receiving free breakfast and lunch meals throughout the 2023-2024 school year. We will provide updates to our Nutrition Services Program on our website.

**Social-Emotional Learning/Mental Health Needs:** Along with a Social-Emotional Learning Curriculum being implemented in all RCSS schools, we will continue to work with our community partners, RESA Wraparound Services, and our local health department to assist our students in this area.

**Extended Learning Programs:** RCSS recognizes that student learning was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. In an effort to meet students' additional learning needs, RCSS will continue to offer Extended Learning Programs such as After School programs, Saturday School and Summer School for students at all schools during the 2023-24 School Year.

**Accommodations:** RCSS will continue to provide accommodations for students with disabilities, along with providing support services for student's academic, social emotional, and mental health needs through various intervention services.

**Periodic Review:** RCSS will continue to review this plan every six months, or as CDC, local or state guidelines change.

**Public Input:** RCSS encourages input from all stakeholders regarding our plan. We will take into consideration all feedback as we make decisions regarding the health and safety of our students and staff. Please contact the appropriate building administrator with any questions and/or concerns.

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