

Riverview Gardens School District

December 2021 COVID-19 Protocols for Scholars and Staff Summary

The Riverview Gardens School District's top priority is maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for scholars and staff. According to Missouri state law, responsibility for the government and control of District affairs belongs solely to the Special Administrative Board ("SAB") for the District. *See* MO. REV. STAT. §§ 160.011 and 162.261. Missouri state law also places the responsibility for making "all needful rules and regulations" affecting the government of the school district with the SAB. *See* MO. REV. STAT. § 171.011. In addition, the Missouri Supreme Court has ruled that school boards can enforce reasonable rules to prevent disease in schools. *State ex rel. O'Bannon v. Cole*, 119 S.W. 424, 429-30 (Mo. 1909). As a result, the Riverview Gardens SAB approves the following COVID-19 mitigation protocols and prevention strategies:

- Monitoring and data collection at all District sites will continue.
- Mitigation strategies will continue for all facilities, including mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, disinfection and enhanced cleaning.
- According to Missouri state law (MO. REV. STAT. § 167.191), individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted to attend school. Individuals must provide written verification to the District from a qualified physician or health department that provides the date when the individual can return to school. If a positive test result is provided to the school nurse, the District may determine the date of return based on isolation recommendations from the CDC and St. Louis County Department of Public Health.
- Symptomatic individuals may be excluded from school based on the District's Policy EBB, Communicable Diseases, until they either produce a physician's diagnosis other than COVID-19 or produce a negative COVID-19 test. Individuals that provide a negative COVID-19 test may be asked to re-test within 5-7 days after symptoms appear.
- Scholars who are identified as close contacts with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19 may be excluded from school depending on the circumstances per the District's modified exclusion measures. The District will continue to review and adjust modified exclusion procedures, as needed.
- Parents/guardians and staff will be notified if an individual in their classroom has tested positive for COVID-19. Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor their scholar for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Scholars will be required to wear masks/face coverings while riding on District school buses, per federal mandate.
- Masks and face coverings are still required for all students, staff, and visitors at this time. The District is reviewing the need to continue this requirement based on District and local data.

Unless modified, extended, or rescinded by the Riverview Gardens Special Administrative Board, pursuant to Missouri state law (MO. REV. STAT. § 67.265) these strategies are effect for 30 days following their approval.