



## **2021-2022 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**

*(Required by The American Rescue Plan)*

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### **Recognition of Circumstances**

First and foremost, it should be noted that amidst the pandemic Rossford Schools began the 2020-2021 school year with a hybrid model of instruction, and on April 5, 2021 the district successfully phased back to in-person learning five days a week. Our plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to follow many of the same protocols that were in place during the last phase of the previous school year, with adherence to the changes that may occur due to COVID-19 prevalence in our community.

### **District Commitments**

1. Rossford Schools will continue to partner with the Wood County Health Department to evaluate procedures and protocols. Changes will be implemented to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and community.
2. The district will mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection through cleaning, safety procedures, and the promotion of positive hygiene.
3. As of August 30, 2021, face masks will be required of all students, staff and visitors.
4. School staff will work in conjunction with the Wood County Health Department to complete contact tracing as needed.
5. Rossford Schools values community input. Community members and parents are encouraged to contact building administrators with questions, comments or concerns.
6. Rossford's administrative team (superintendent, principals, directors, supervisors) will review this plan, as well as any relevant input/feedback, on a regular basis.

## Health and Safety Protocols

1. Staff or students who are vaccinated and exposed to COVID-19 are not required to quarantine unless they exhibit symptoms. If a student or staff member is unvaccinated and exposed they will be required to quarantine.
2. Students diagnosed with COVID-19:
  - Rossford Schools will work with the Wood County Health Department to ensure the appropriate notification to the staff and community.
  - A period of isolation will be required for any student who tests positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing will occur in alignment with the protocols established by the Wood County Health Department.
  - Each school building will have an isolation room to be used for students exhibiting symptoms until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian. It is important that parents pick up a sick child immediately when the school calls.
3. Staff diagnosed with COVID-19:
  - Rossford Schools will work with the Wood County Health Department to ensure the appropriate notification to the staff and community.
  - A period of isolation will be required for any employee who tests positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing will occur in alignment with the protocols established by the Wood County Health Department.
  - Staff members will plan for substitutes as needed to ensure high-quality instruction continues for students.
4. Student and staff health issues **not** diagnosed as COVID-19:
  - Students and employees are encouraged to discuss symptoms with their healthcare professional.
  - A student/employee must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
5. Recess:
  - Student access to certain pieces of “high touch” playground/recess equipment may be limited.
  - A variety of activities will be offered to encourage students to spread out on the playground.
  - Students are required to wash/sanitize their hands after recess.
6. Transportation:
  - Facial coverings will be required.
  - We will attempt to seat siblings together.
  - Students are required to remain in their seats and face forward.

- Seating charts are required to assist with contact tracing if needed.
  - Surfaces will be sanitized regularly, consistent with COVID-19 protocols.
7. Food service:
- Breakfast and lunch will be served daily and offered to all students free of charge during the 2021-2022 school year.
  - Increased sanitization of cafeteria surfaces is scheduled to occur during meal times.

## **Recommendations**

1. The Wood County Health Department recommends vaccinations for eligible staff and students. Students and staff are encouraged to discuss getting the COVID-19 vaccine with their physician.
2. Daily Health Assessments:
  - Students, parents, and staff should assess for symptoms prior to leaving home each morning. It is requested that students and staff take their temperature before reporting to school and stay home if their temperature is above 100°F or if experiencing other symptoms.
  - Students and staff who exhibit symptoms during the school day will be assessed in the school clinic. Areas that were occupied by a person exhibiting symptoms will be sanitized immediately. Rossford will supply appropriate PPE to clinic staff.
  - If a student begins exhibiting symptoms or feels unwell during the school day, parents are asked to pick up their child as soon as possible in the event that they are contacted by the clinic/office.
3. Students are encouraged to sanitize/wash their hands before and after each class, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. Handwashing is essential in promoting positive hygiene and controlling the spread of germs. Rossford will continue to provide hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
4. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school. Bottle filling stations and drinking fountains will be available for use. Increased cleaning and sanitization of filling stations and drinking fountains will occur.

## Continuity of Services: Academic, Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

The following plan will be in effect at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Rossford Schools is committed to providing full time on-campus, in-person instruction for all students. Structures are in place to support the academic, social-emotional, and mental health needs of students.

### Classrooms

Student and Family Expectations	Staff Expectations
<p>Parents/Caregivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conduct daily wellness checks, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures of 100°F or above should stay home.</li> </ul> <p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students are required to wear a face mask.</li> <li>● Maintain appropriate physical distance from peers when possible.</li> </ul> <p>Building notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Physical distancing guidelines will be followed based on severity of the COVID-19 spread in the community.</li> </ul>	<p>Teachers and Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Facial coverings are required.</li> <li>● Ensure students maintain an appropriate physical distance when possible.</li> <li>● Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated expectation violations as appropriate.</li> <li>● Reduce shared classroom materials and/or ensure shared materials and surfaces are sanitized.</li> </ul> <p>Custodians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure classrooms are provided with supplies, including disinfectant, paper towels, and sanitizer.</li> <li>● Regularly clean and disinfect classrooms and materials.</li> </ul> <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure classrooms are disinfected on a routine schedule.</li> <li>● Ensure supplies are readily available.</li> <li>● Provide education/professional development on the proper use of PPE, sanitization, and other needs.</li> </ul>

## Hallways, Recess, Lockers, and Common Areas

Student and Family Expectations	Staff Expectations
<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Face masks at recess will continue to be optional. However, face masks will continue to be required in the hallways, at lockers and in common areas.</li><li>● Report immediately to your assigned area/classroom and avoid congregating in hallways and/or common areas before, after, and during school hours.</li><li>● Carry/fill a water bottle as needed.</li><li>● Students at Rossford Jr-Sr High School are permitted to carry backpacks with needed supplies and materials to reduce the sharing of supplies and minimize trips to lockers.</li><li>● Follow all signage in the hallways and common areas.</li></ul>	<p>Teachers and Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Face masks are required.</li><li>● Supervise hallways and common areas.</li><li>● Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report repeated expectation violations as appropriate.</li></ul> <p>Custodians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regularly clean and disinfect common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, door handles, handrails, toilets, stalls, and sinks.</li></ul> <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure proper signage is installed in hallways and common areas.</li><li>● Ensure supplies are readily available for custodians.</li><li>● Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and address reported violations.</li></ul>

## Transportation

Student and Family Expectations	Staff Expectations
<p>Parents/Caregivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Conduct a student wellness check (including temperature) prior to sending a student to the bus stop or dropping off at school. Students with symptoms of COVID-19 and/or temperatures over 100°F should stay home.</li><li>● Help students maintain physical distancing at bus stops.</li></ul> <p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● When possible, socially distance yourself from others at the bus stop.</li><li>● Face coverings are mandatory.</li><li>● Sit in assigned seats as directed by the driver.</li></ul>	<p>Bus Drivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Provide reminders and issue warnings to students; contact parents/caregivers when necessary; and, when appropriate, report violations of expectations to school administrators through SWIS.</li><li>● Maintain accurate seating charts.</li><li>● Regularly clean and disinfect high-touch areas.</li><li>● Face coverings are mandatory.</li></ul> <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure supplies are readily available for drivers.</li><li>● Provide reminders and issue warnings to students; contact parents/caregivers when necessary; and, when appropriate, respond to violations of expectations as reported by drivers</li></ul>

## Cafeteria and Meals

Student and Family Expectations	Staff Expectations
<p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Facial coverings may be removed while eating. They should be put back on as soon as their meal is completed.</li><li>● Sit in designated seats.</li><li>● Follow guidelines for restroom use during lunch periods.</li><li>● If bringing a packed lunch, report immediately to your designated seating area.</li><li>● Follow physical distancing guidelines as much as possible when in line and in the serving areas.</li><li>● Practice positive hygiene, including handwashing.</li></ul>	<p>Teachers and Cafeteria Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Facial coverings are required.</li><li>● Supervise designated areas to ensure students are observing appropriate health and safety procedures.</li><li>● Provide reminders and issue warnings to students; contact parents/caregivers when necessary; and, when appropriate, report violations of expectations to school administrators through SWIS.</li><li>● Disinfect all tabletops and seats before and after each lunch.</li></ul> <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure proper signage is installed in designated eating areas.</li><li>● Ensure supplies are readily available for staff.</li><li>● Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and address reported violations.</li></ul>

## Health Services

Student and Parent/Caregiver Expectations	Staff Expectations
<p>Parents/Caregivers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Conduct a student wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to the bus stop/school. Students with temperatures over 100°F should stay home.</li><li>● Ensure contact information is up to date in the event the nurse needs to contact a parent/guardian. This can be done through PowerSchool.</li><li>● Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.</li><li>● Immediately, after school contact is made, pick up ill or symptomatic students.</li></ul> <p>Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Use designated entrances and exits to the office.</li><li>● Follow established health and safety protocols.</li><li>● Wear a mask or face shield as requested by clinic staff.</li></ul>	<p>Clinic Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wear appropriate PPE as determined by the situation.</li><li>● Ensure the workspace is kept clean and sanitized.</li><li>● Ensure health and safety protocols are followed.</li><li>● Isolate students who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms in a separate area away from other students.</li><li>● Ensure the clinic is disinfected immediately following the exposure to a student exhibiting symptoms.</li></ul> <p>Custodians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Disinfect clinic based on schedule provided by school administration, and additionally as needed. This includes but is not limited to door handles, countertops, seating areas, restrooms, etc.</li><li>● Disinfect the isolation area after each use.</li></ul> <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Ensure proper signage is installed.</li><li>● Ensure adherence to proper health and safety protocols.</li></ul>