

**ARP ESSER III
RYAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SAFE RETURN TO LEARN PLAN**

It is important to remember that we (parents, teachers/staff, administrators, students and community members) are all striving for the same outcome. We want our students to be safe, happy and learning in school. Our goal is to get students back into school while keeping our students and faculty safe, so that we can provide an education. This plan is fluid and will likely change each time the situation is reassessed.

We feel we should follow the guidance of the experts for the best protection of those within the school.

Ryal will follow the recommendations from the State Department of Education, federal guidelines and in consultation with local medical professionals and local health departments.

Students and staff will use hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit of each classroom. **Only students and faculty/staff will be allowed in the buildings on a daily basis.** Visitors will arrive at the door and will be greeted there. Parents, we ask that you call the office before you arrive so that we can get your student ready to go or have the materials you need to pick up ready.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER EXCLUSION

Once a student/staff member is excluded from school, they may return if they meet the requirements listed below.

1. **UNTESTED**: Have not received a test proving or disproving COVID-19, but did experience symptoms may return if all 3 conditions below are met;
 - At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptom first appeared, **AND**
 - Fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 72 hours, **AND**
 - Symptoms have improved

2. **TESTED AND AWAITING RESULTS**: Persons who are suspected of having COVID-19 and are awaiting test results should be isolated at home until test results are received.

3. **POSITIVE RESULT**
Symptomatic Cases may return if the following conditions are met:
 - 10 Calendar days have passed since symptom first appeared, **AND**
 - Fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) for 72 hours, **AND**
 - Symptoms have improved
Asymptomatic Cases may return if the following conditions are met:
 - 10 Calendar days have passed since the date sample was collected, **AND**
 - Symptoms have not developed
 - If symptom develop during the 10-day isolation period, then follow the above criteria for symptomatic cases with a new isolation period starting from the day symptoms started.

4. **NEGATIVE RESULT**

- Known exposure to a COVID-19 CASE – must be quarantined for 10 days. a negative test result within the 10 quarantine period does not change the quarantine period, therefore, the person must finish their 10 days.
- No known exposure to a COVID-19 case – may return to work or school.

Once the above requirements are met, parents are expected to accompany their student(s) to the site office to be cleared to return to class.

Other Students and Staff in the Household

- If a student/staff member is excluded from school due to a positive COVID-19 test, other students and any staff members living in that same household are considered close contacts and will be excluded from school for a mandatory 10-day quarantine period, which begins after their last exposure to the case.
- If a student/staff member is excluded from school due to being identified as a close contact, then other students and any staff members living in that same household are considered contacts of a contract and do NOT need to be excluded from school unless they are also identified as a close contact of a case.

We will be diligent at teaching and participating in healthy hygiene habits. Our goal is to make each and every one of us responsible for keeping a clean workspace, learning space, eating space, and play space.

CLEANING PRACTICES

We want our students, parents, and employees to feel confident that we are taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. We will be cleaning and disinfecting daily. Places that are touched numerous time throughout the day will be cleaned multiple times during the day. We will avoid sharing items; any shared item will be cleaned and disinfected before the next person uses the item. Employees and students are instructed to practice good personal hygiene, including the covering of mouths during coughs, cover nose when sneezing, and cleaning their hands thoroughly and report a temperature to the superintendent. Employees and parents of students must report any air travel or potential exposure to people with Covid-19 virus to the Superintendent.

CALENDAR

School will begin on August 11, 2021. This is subject to change at any moment. The unpredictability of COVID-19 has required schools to plan for the ability to offer different instructional environments. As a result, there will be different entry and attendance codes for the 2021-2022 school year.

PARENTS HAVE 2 OPTIONS FOR THEIR CHILD(REN) TO ATTEND RYAL:

Option 1 & 2 both include: Our online curriculum, remediation, testing and reading programs which include, but are not limited to: Lexia for younger students, AlphaPlus, STAR testing and AIMSWEB testing and Acellus. However, some grades and subjects might be viewing the teacher's class through recorded lessons or zoom classes and/or packets when necessary. The provided tools/lessons will be age appropriate.

- 1. Virtual:** We know and understand that some parents may not feel comfortable sending their children back to school. For those parents, we will have an online learning option. Virtual is online learning/curriculum 100% of the time; however, students may attend athletics at school if they prefer and have signed the appropriate form in the office. Our online curriculum, remediation, testing and reading programs consist of, but are not limited to: Lexia for younger students, AlphaPlus, STAR testing and AIMSWEB testing and Acellus. (Acellus has a recorded teacher teaching the lesson & Ryal teachers helping once a student needs additional help.) However, some grades and subjects might be viewing the teacher's class through recorded lessons or zoom classes and/or packets when necessary. The provided tools/lessons will be age appropriate. **Virtual learning is for a calendar month** at a time and students cannot go back and forth in and out of this option. **A Parent/guardian needs to sign a form in the office 1 week in advance of a student switching from virtual to blended or blended to virtual. This is required because the program used will not allow changes if a grade has been given or attendance taken.** In virtual learning, a parent would need to check out a Chromebook and/or hot spot (if needed), sign a contract for the use of technology and teachers would send assignments to the students who do not have internet connectivity a week at a time. **Grades will be taken in online learning. Attendance will also be taken.**
- 2. Blended Instruction (online and on-campus:** This involves one day a week online from your home doing as the teacher instructs with a computer, hot spot and/or packets if necessary. In addition, assignments will be given if connectivity is an issue. Different grade level teachers will instruct differently (age appropriate). Monday-Thursday are on campus and **Friday is distance learning.**

***Cafeteria:* Breakfast and lunch schedules and eating areas will be altered to help reduce the number of students in the cafeteria. Hand sanitizing will be required before a student is served. Cleaning will be increased during eating sessions to help reduce the risk of the spread.**

***BUS:* The busses will be sanitized daily.**

Extra-Curricular Activities: Athletics and extracurricular activities will be followed in conjunction with recommendations from our state and county health professionals. Necessary practices and precautions will be communicated at a time closer to the start of practice/activities to equip us with the most up to date information.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO TO HELP

We are asking parents to do a home check of their child before sending them to school. Parents please be patient with us. We are not allowing visitors in our school. Our students and faculty must be protected as much as possible to keep your loved ones safe. We want to make sure that our school is as safe we can possibly make it.

Ryal will use every effort to utilize procedures for contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine with the recommendations of the local county Health Departments and the State of Oklahoma Health Department if and when we need to quarantine students or faculty and when we will need to close down school and go to distance learning. We will keep you informed should there be a change. Education is a cooperative effort of everyone. Please work with us in these challenging time and please understand that we want the best for every student and faculty.

VACCINATIONS

Ryal will strive to provide vaccinations to the community, staff and students (with parental permission).

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Ryal will strive to have appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and wording in the IEP's.

** Please be advised that this is subject to change with the rise and fall of the pandemic. You will be notified of any changes. *

As always, we appreciate you trusting us with the future of your child and we diligently strive to improve daily.

Ryal Public School

Daily Covid-19 School Attendance Questionnaire

In an effort to prevent possible exposure to students and staff to COVID-19, please review the following questions each morning and PRIOR to your child coming to school.

1. Does your child have a fever of 100 degrees* or more?
*This temperature is set per the OSDE Return to Learn Oklahoma, June 2020
2. Is your child experiencing (A) a new loss of taste or smell, (B) nausea or vomiting, Or (C) diarrhea?
3. Is your child experiencing two or more of the following symptoms of Covid-19?
 - a. Chills
 - b. Cough
 - c. Fatigue
 - d. Muscle or body ache
 - e. Headache
 - f. Sore Throat
 - g. Congestion or runny nose
4. Is your child experiencing any of the Emergency Warning Symptoms of Covid-19?
 - a. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - b. Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - c. New Confusion
 - d. Inability to wake or stay awake
 - e. Bluish lips or face
5. Has your child had, or do you think your child may have Covid-19?
6. Has your child tested positive for Covid-19?
7. Has your child been around a person with Covid-19?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, YOUR CHILD SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME and you should contact the attendance clerk at school by phone or email (pchapps@ryal.k12.ok.us) (918) 652-7461. Assignments, tests, or other school work can be made up by arrangements with the teachers.

If your child is showing any of the emergency warning signs listed in question 4, you should seek medical care immediately.

If you answered YES to question 5, 6, or 7, please contact your physician and your county health department for specific guidance on the criteria to be met before your child returns to school.

By sending your child to school, you are representing to the School District that the answer to each of these questions is "NO"