



Riviera ISD Health & Safety Protocols (updated 08-19-21)

Your health and safety matters to us!

The District recognizes that COVID-19 and its variants are an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, which requires District Officials to make decisions quickly to ensure the safety of District students and employees; and in order to provide in-person school instruction in a safe and effective manner. We will continue to update our Health and Safety Protocols as needed.

FACE COVERINGS

Riviera ISD **will recommend** that all staff, students and visitors, wear a mask. Masks will be available at the front office, if needed. RISD will ensure that no student, staff or visitor is treated differently as a result of their choice not to wear a mask. All parents and guardians of Riviera ISD students will be given an opportunity to opt out of the recommendation for mask wearing.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend that individuals two and older who are not vaccinated continue to wear masks. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. To be clear, while the CDC and APA recommended wearing masks, per Governor Greg Abbott's executive order, mask wearing is voluntary in schools.

VACCINATIONS

Per Governor Abbott's order, Riviera ISD cannot require students or staff to get vaccinated. At this time, The State of Texas has not added the COVID-19 vaccination to the required immunization list for students. Riviera ISD cannot require students or staff to report vaccination status.



COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES & REPORTING

If a student has a confirmed case of COVID-19, please report it immediately to our district nurse. Parents and guardians are asked to **please refrain from sending symptomatic or sick students to school**. If our team has a confirmed case of COVID, please contact your direct supervisor and our district nurse. Our students and RISD team are not required to quarantine for exposure. The District is still required, however, to report positive cases to Kleberg County Public Health Department.

Per the CDC, those who test positive for COVID must isolate for 10 days from the date of the positive test. This guidance is specific to the person testing positive **ONLY**, not others in the household unless symptomatic.

Students awaiting COVID test results remain off campus, but **siblings may attend school as long as they are asymptomatic**. Nurse J. Hubert will continue to send students home who have fever, diarrhea, vomiting or display significant symptoms of illness. Siblings of the symptomatic student do not need to be sent home, unless they too are symptomatic.

ABSENCES

If a student must isolate after testing positive for COVID, the school/teacher will implement the following:

- The teacher will work with the student and parent to provide makeup work to the student, understanding there is not a remote instruction option available
- The student will submit make-up work as noted in the Student Handbook (one school day per day of absence) after returning to school

At this time, employees must use personal leave time or comp time while they are isolating as there are no COVID days available.

VISITORS & MEETINGS

Visitors will be allowed on campus according to standard visiting rules. Meetings will be allowed on campus without capacity restrictions and face coverings will be recommended, but not required.

CLEANING/SANITATION PROTOCOLS

Frequent cleaning and sanitation support a healthy learning environment for students and our team. RISD will continue with cleaning and sanitation protocols in all buildings. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the buildings along with opportunities to wash hands frequently. All classrooms have a routine that includes the wipe down of each desk with sanitizer in between every class. Students and teachers are issued frequent reminders of best practices to help keep from spreading the virus. **All** campuses, cafeteria, and gymnasiums are **deep cleaned and sanitized** at the end of business, **daily**.

EXTRACURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All extracurricular and co-curricular activities will resume with full capacity. Students and spectators **will be encouraged** to wear masks, but will not be required to do so.

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

For social-emotional support, please contact our school counselors, Ms. Brooke Hickey and Mrs. Lisa West at 361-296-3101.

Governor's Executive Order May 18, 2021

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

University Interscholastic League (UIL)