

RIVIERA ISD ...Growing with Pride!



TO: Riviera ISD Families
FROM: Patricia M. Thornton, Superintendent
REGARDING: District Insights

Hello Seahawk families:

In our schools we want students to feel safe and parents to know that they are sending their children to a safe place. Riviera Independent School District has studied and continues to study the efficacy of all mitigations. Going forward, we will implement additional practices. RISD is optimistic that these additional measures will help to minimize the disruption to our students' education. We are ready to get back to business! We miss our Seahawks tremendously!

Districts are a business of education. Our products are our students. Our customers are our families. RISD is committed to being the best in the business because our students are the best! Our top priority will always be two-fold; to provide the very best education and provide it in an environment that places the health and safety of our students first. We are working hard for your children. It's a privilege to work for the best kids around!

The beginning of our school year has been both exciting and challenging. Laughter filled our halls, old friends have been reunited, and new friends have been made. Teaching and learning, learning, and teaching was happening! Our incredible students were eager to grow and develop after a year and half of isolation, distance, and fear. Our teachers have been leading by example and modeling appropriate problem solving through this pandemic. Amidst the buzz of excitement though, in the first 15 days, our attendance was low. For 7 of those 15 days, our district attendance was less than 80%. This was primarily due to families' fear of the unknown, close contact quarantines, and of course, COVID-19 infections. At times,

Together Everyone Accomplishes More, Go T.E.A.M.!



RISD has been short-staffed, but not just because of COVID. We have a total of five new baby seahawks on their way, and three have already landed!

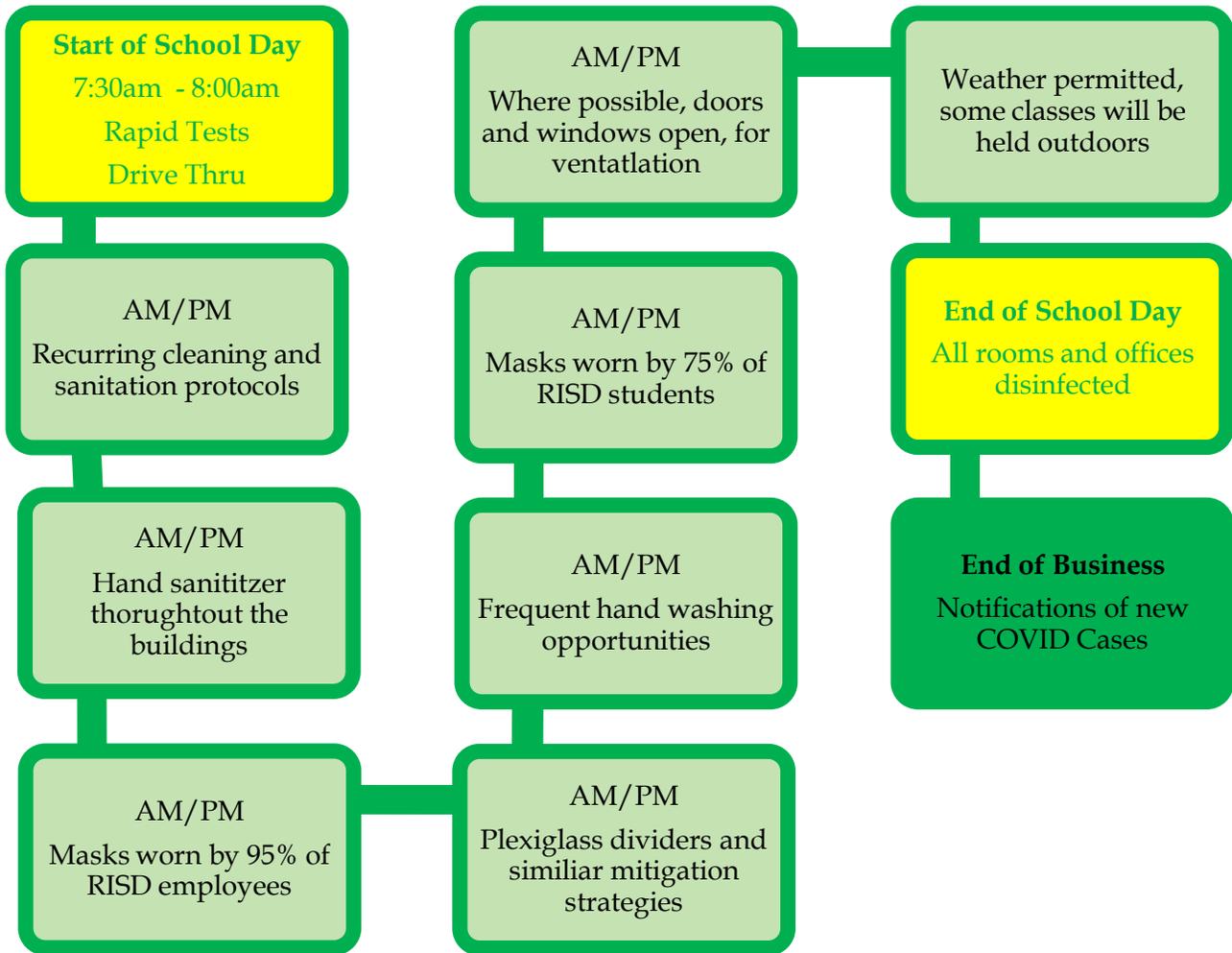
The pandemic continues to be a very fluid situation. There still is no metric that will gage when our Country can resume to day-to-day life without having to take precautionary measures. Our students are experiencing COVID fatigue, but Riviera ISD has reimagined education in a big way! Our educators and administrators are taking bold steps, and we will continue to do so to overcome the many challenges. Please trust in the district of your choice. Riviera ISD will deliver only the best to our students and always with their health and safety in the forefront of our minds.

Our Seahawks need to be in school. The loss of learning has been immense. Every day that our students are not learning, this greatly impacts their future. Please continue to reach out. Let us answer your questions, concerns, and settle your fears.

Please see RISD insights to our day-to-day operations. We have an awesome year ahead of us. Together, let's make this happen for the ones who matter most, our Seahawks. Our Seahawks are strong, and they will soar! Watch them!!



Day to Day Operating System



**** Rapid Tests will only be done for those who are exhibiting symptoms or believed to have come in close contact with someone who is COVID +**

**** Rapid Tests will be administerd only with parent permission. Tests administered outside of the **scheduled times, 7:30am - 8:00am and 2:30pm - 3:00pm**, will only be done at nurses discretion.**

