

Raymore-Peculiar School District
School Procedures For The
August 24 Re-Entry Phase
2020-2021



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Overview

The following guidelines will be in place for in-person school starting August 24, 2020, in the Raymore-Peculiar School District. These measures may be updated or changed as new information becomes available. Information from the Cass County Health Department (CCHD), medical professionals, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is being used to guide Ray-Pec's decision making. The guidelines may change as the school year progresses with the priority being the health and wellness of students, staff, and patrons.

Guiding Principle

- The guiding principle for the August 24 opening of schools will be one of risk-reduction. Knowing that risk-elimination under the current situation of the pandemic is not possible, several protocols will be put in place to reduce the risk of virus transmission so that schools can open for students and parents. However, any human interaction during a pandemic situation carries with it some degree of risk of virus transmission.

Key Objectives

- To provide an in-person learning experience for as many students/parents who want it for as long as we can, while providing a reasonable risk reduction strategy for all.
- To provide a rigorous and relevant virtual instruction experience for those students/parents who are desirous of that experience.

AUGUST 24 RE-ENTRY PHASE

General Information

- The term “social distancing” or “physical distancing” will refer to no less than 3-6 feet of separation as recommended by the AAP.
- Large group assemblies will not be permitted.
- Visitors to the school and to the classroom will not be permitted. Schools will be closed to visitors aside from drop off and pick up.
- Infection prevention will be taught to staff and students at the start of the school year.
- 32 oz spray bottles will be provided in each classroom of disinfectant to spray tables between use (15 minutes of dry time needed) and gloves.
- 16 oz pump bottles of gel sanitizer will be provided in each room/office space. These are to be re-filled by faculty at the front offices at a refill station with funnel, tray, and 1 gallon jug. Do **NOT** throw them away.

Arrival

- Students will report immediately to their classroom upon arrival.
- Students and staff will be screened for symptoms of illness.
- To the extent possible, staff will ensure students socially distance themselves from one another and do NOT congregate.
- The school nurse/teachers/designee will check the temperature of each student in the classroom upon arrival.

Breakfast and Lunch

- Breakfast and lunch will be consumed in the classroom if possible.
- Disposable packaging and utensils will be utilized.
- Students will select pre-assembled meals from the cafeteria.
- Students will not have access to a microwave or refrigerator.

Classrooms (EC-5)

- Students will be assigned seats that maintain social/physical distancing standards to the extent possible. AAP recommends 3-6 feet between desks when feasible. Student and staff face coverings will be utilized when physical distancing of three feet cannot be achieved.
- Outdoor space will be utilized for class when possible.
- Students should not share classroom supplies.

- Students will use hand sanitizer or wash hands when entering and exiting the classroom.

Classrooms (6-12)

- Students will be assigned seats that maintain social/physical distancing standards to the extent possible. AAP recommends 6 feet between desks when feasible.
- Student and staff face coverings will be utilized when physical distancing of six feet cannot be achieved, as recommended by the CCHD.
- Outdoor space will be utilized for class when possible.
- Students should not share supplies of any kind.
- Students will use hand sanitizer or wash hands when entering and exiting the classroom.
- Use of lockers will be minimized to discourage gathering of students.

Students with Special Needs

- It may not be feasible, depending on the needs of the individual, to both adhere to the criteria outlined in this document and meet the needs of the student.
- Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Recess (EC-5)

- Recess times will be staggered to limit the number of classes on the playground.
- All students must wash their hands (soap or hand sanitizer) before and after recess.
- While at recess, staff will monitor for social/physical distancing.
- Face coverings will be worn by students when social/physical distancing is not feasible.

Dismissal

- Parents/guardians should use the car line for student pick-up. In-person parent pick-up is not allowed to avoid parent gatherings in school lobby or in front of school.
- Students will be asked to maintain social distancing by not congregating during and after dismissal.

Electives/Exploratory Classes

- At the elementary level, specialty teachers will rotate to classrooms to minimize student traffic in the halls when feasible.
- Specialty teachers will limit the use of shared equipment to the extent possible.
- Face coverings will be worn by students when social/physical distancing is not feasible.

Student and Staff Illness

- Students who are ill or experiencing COVID-related symptoms should not report to school and should notify the school.
- If students become ill once they arrive at school, students will be isolated from others and sent home immediately. Parents should pick up students from the health office as soon as possible (preferably within one hour) to avoid prolonged exposure. Students will be required to remain out of school for 24 hours following onset of symptoms.
- Students and staff who exhibit symptoms of COVID 19 should contact their health provider for additional instructions.
- Symptoms of COVID 19 may include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, runny nose or congestion, or other flu-like symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

Periodic School Closures

- The District will continually monitor COVID 19 cases and will work with the CCHD when reviewing the level of localized virus spread.
- If it is determined by the Ray-Pec School District and/or the CCHD that a school site needs to close due to localized virus spread, the site, or an individual classroom, will be closed for a specified period of time. Students and families will be informed of the closure and students access virtual learning for the time the site is closed.

Custodial

- Each site will have at least one custodian during the day while students and staff are present. Evening custodians will complete cleaning procedures in all rooms on a daily basis and will sanitize high trafficked/touched areas.
- The use of an EPA-approved disinfectant will be utilized for disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Custodial night staff will refill the 32 oz spray bottles of Re-juv-nal disinfectant.

Facilities

- Water/drinking fountains use is limited to those that have a self-dispenser to fill a personal water bottle. Drinking directly out of the fountain is not permitted.
- No microwaves or refrigerators will be allowed for student use.

Transportation

- Parents are encouraged to transport their children.
- Bus drivers and monitors are required to wear face coverings while students are loading and unloading.
- Students should utilize face coverings while on a bus.
- Efforts will be made to limit students to two to a seat. Family members will be seated

together while riding the bus.

- Bus drivers will seat students based on pick up order. Students picked up first should immediately move to the back of the bus. This will be their assigned seat for the trip home as well in an attempt to control students walking past each other.
- Buses will be appropriately cleaned and disinfected after each route.
- Buses will have hand sanitizer available on each route.

Crisis Response & Drills

- Intruder, fire, and storm drills will occur with attention paid to social distancing.

Technology

- Staff will limit the sharing of devices. When devices must be shared, staff will assign specific students to specific devices.
- Staff will ensure devices are sanitized between uses.

Staff Members Health and Safety Precautions

- Prior to reporting to work daily, employees should self-assess their health and not report to work if they have a temperature more than 100 degrees, feel sick or have COVID 19 symptoms.
- The district will provide facial coverings or employees may wear their own. Employees may wear gloves, but instead, handwashing or use of hand sanitizer is strongly advised.

Protocol for Students or Staff Who Tests Positive

- The CCHD will provide official notification to the district of any positive COVID-19 case. The CCHD will provide guidance on the level of concern, potential for classroom or school closure, and length of closure. The CCHD will be responsible for and conduct contact tracing of individuals who may be at-risk of exposure to the virus, and will be in contact with those individuals regarding recommended next steps.

Communication Protocol for Students or Staff Who Tests Positive

- The Ray-Pec Communications Department will send information to parents and staff within 24 hours of the district's notification regarding known positive cases of students and staff. The CCHD will conduct contact tracing and follow-up with impacted individuals.

Virtual Education and Eligibility for Activities

- MSHSAA guidelines will be followed for all student activities.