

Our priority is the safety of our students, staff, and community. Our safety plan is based on the recommendations of the Georgia Department of Education and public health officials to **keep students learning with us in the safest learning environment that we can provide**. Guidance may change as new information and recommendations are available.



FACIAL COVERINGS & HYGIENE

- RCSS Staff and students are required to wear a facial covering during transitions and in common areas where social distancing and contact tracing are difficult.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout all school buildings.
- All students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize when they enter and before they leave each day.
- Students and staff will be allotted time to frequently wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.



TRANSPORTATION

- All students are required to wear a facial covering.
- Buses will be disinfected after each route.
- Students will be expected to use provided hand sanitizer upon entry and exiting the bus.
- **Parents are encouraged to pick up/drop off their student, if possible, to decrease the number of students on school buses.**



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Students will be grouped together to minimize cross-contamination throughout the day.**
- Desks will be arranged in a way that allows for the most social distancing possible in the space provided.
- Outdoor spaces will be utilized when possible.
- Parents are expected to drop off students in the car line as visitors inside the building will be restricted.
- Field trips, assemblies, and large gatherings will be modified to meet social distancing guidance.



HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- Staff and students who are sick should stay at home.
- Health services staff will evaluate any student or staff member showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Any student with a temperature above 100.0 degrees will be sent home.
- Students/staff will be sent home if they exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC guidance that are not otherwise explained.
- Time based return to school/ work strategy as recommended by the CDC.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the Richmond County Health department and parents will be notified. CDC Guidelines will be followed for cleaning and return to school/ work.