Reopening the RCSS Update

Board of Education Meeting
14 July 2020
The Initial RCSS Reopening Plan

• Followed the June 1, 2020 guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education
• Utilized survey data from parents and employees
• Considered the number of COVID-19 cases in Augusta/Richmond County
• Included an action matrix for COVID-19 cases affecting schools
• Featured face-to-face and online options for students
Superintendent

Richmond County COVID-19 Numbers

• As of 14 July 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (24 June Numbers)
  • Confirmed Cases: 1830 (776)
  • Number of Richmond County Residents: 202,518
  • Cases per Week Moving Average: 250 (53)
  • Cases per 100k Richmond County Residents: 905 (383)
  • Deaths per 100k Richmond County Residents: 31 (24)
  • Total Deaths: 62 (48)
Administration Recommendation

• Hybrid
  1. Traditional/Face-to-Face **Monday - Friday**
     1. Proposed Start Date: **September 8, 2020**
  2. Virtual Learning/K-12 Online

• Parents must commit to an option by **July 27, 2020**

• **Early August**: Review plan and staffing based on student numbers registered for traditional or virtual learning
  • Staggered schedules may be implemented based on enrollment numbers per school

• If there is a surge in COVID-19 cases…
  • Before school starts: Recommend a further delay
  • Once school has started: Transition to full-time virtual learning for PK-12
When a Child, Staff Member, or Visitor Becomes Sick at School

• Utilize the district decision tree for COVID-19 Screening as recommended by the Georgia Department of Public Health and the Georgia Department of Education.

• Follow the Georgia DPH “Return to School Guidance after COVID-19 Illness or Exposure” criteria for students and employees before they return to the building.
Enrichment Opportunities before school starts:

- Complete work in Summer Express Workbooks (Grades K-8)
- Continue to work in iReady for Reading and Math skill practice (Grades K-8)
- Continue to read and record titles in summer reading logs #RCSSReadUpChallenge (K-8)
- Log into LaunchPad, click on Edgenuity, and work on the SAT or ACT courses (grades 9-12)
- Log into LaunchPad, click on Edgenuity, and work on the “Strategies for Academic Success” course (grades 9-12)
- Log into LaunchPad, click on Canvas, and complete the Canvas Orientation Course – Available in August (all grades)
Teacher Professional Learning

• Teachers will be participating in a variety of virtual Professional Learning courses, including:
  • Recognizing and Closing Learning Gaps for Students
  • Teaching in a Virtual Setting
  • Physical Distancing and Proper Hand Hygiene
  • Routine Cleaning of High-Touch Surfaces
  • How to Talk to Children During and After COVID-19 Pandemic
  • Transitioning Back to School: Recognizing Signs of Anxiety and Depression
  • Training on Canvas, our New Learning Management System.
July 27 – September 4 Planning/Preparation

- Technology Distribution: August 17 – September 4
- Open House/Registration
- Parent Orientations
- Professional Development for Faculty and Staff
- Meal Service: Beginning August 5