

RISCO RII SCHOOL DISTRICT



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan(SRCSP)

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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Parents/Guardians,

Over the last several months, we have worked with local health officials, the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, the Missouri School Board Association as well as reviewed state and local guidelines to establish a safe re-entry plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

At this time, we will be enrolling students for in-person learning beginning August 22nd. It is important to note that this plan is fluid and the elements in the plan could change at any given time due to the ever-changing information regarding COVID-19. The district's goal is to minimize contact with other students and reduce exposure in classrooms. Students will be assigned to groups and movement about the campus will be as limited as possible.

While we work towards our goal of having in-person learning, we want you to rest assured that the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Please be patient as we diligently but cautiously, enter into this "new normal" of teaching and learning. Our faculty and staff are excited to have our students back with us, and it is our mission to provide a safe and high quality education.

Sincerely,

Amy Baker
Risco RII Superintendent

SCHOOL ENTRY LEVELS

This plan will consist of two levels. Level I is the lowest level of prevention of community spread, while level II will be the highest. Determining the levels will be the responsibility of the Administration in conjunction with the New Madrid County Health Department. Our current level will be communicated through our school messaging system and social media. Currently, we will be entering school at a level I.

⇒⇒⇒ LEVEL I- IN-PERSON LEARNING

- Regular School Calendar-In-person learning.
- Wellness screening/safety protocols listed below will be administered daily.
- Masks will be available for those that want to wear them.
- Social distancing as much as possible with assigned seating.

⇒⇒⇒ LEVEL II – ALL VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Should the district or community encounter a severe outbreak, school closure will take place.
- Virtual instruction will take place/packets will be sent home with lower grades.
- Students will be allowed to take home Chromebooks 3-12 grade.
- Teachers will track performance of student work and offer feedback through Google Classroom or other means.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES OVERVIEW

Risco RII School District plans to continue with in-person learning for the 2022-2023 school year. The following plan will focus on how Risco RII will ensure continued safe operations to maintain the health and safety of students and staff. The plan will also address how the District will provide for the academic needs of students if there should be any interruption of in-person instruction. Furthermore, this plan will address how the District will continue to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff during in-person instruction and during any interruptions of in-person instruction. This plan will be reviewed and revised every six months. Input from parents, school personnel (teachers, administrators, nurse ect.),

and community members will be obtained. A survey will be administered at our annual open house. Please call the district office if you would like this plan translated to another language.

SCREENING PROTOCOLS/CONTACT TRACING

Risco School will continue the process for daily screening for symptoms of and exposure to COVID-19. Parents and caregivers should be empowered to screen children for symptoms at home, prior to coming to school, and should be provided with a checklist that includes the following symptoms and exposure:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Students with symptoms should not attend school and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school. Children are no longer required to quarantine for close contact in K-12 settings. If a student comes into close contact with a Covid-19 positive case, they will need to be monitored closely for symptoms. Click here to review the [CDC guidance](#).

If a student or staff member is confirmed positive for COVID-19, the school district will need a doctor's note or permission from the nurse to be excused. Those students will quarantine five days with the first day of symptoms beginning with 0.

Screening students for COVID-19 onsite: Children should be visually inspected for signs and symptoms of illness as they enter the school and/or classroom.

Screening staff members for COVID-19: Health data continues to reveal that adults are much more likely to spread the coronavirus than children, unlike other viruses (e.g. influenza) where children are more likely to transmit the virus to others. Therefore, school staff members should self-screen at home, following the same protocol listed above for families screening students at home.

Screening visitors for COVID-19: Schools will limit visitors inside the building during the upcoming school year. Risco School may consider a designated visitor space/room where physical distancing measures are enforced. A record of visitors inside the school should also be kept, and it should include areas of the school that were visited and the time the visitor entered and exited the building.

Testing: Testing kits will be provided to parents free of charge for any student experiencing symptoms for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vaccinations: The district collaborates with the NCHD to assist in distribution of information regarding vaccinations. On-site vaccinations were provided in the Spring of 2021.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING/SANITATION PROTOCOLS

Classroom/transitioning protocols:

- Schools will limit the mixing of groups of students to the extent possible.
- Students will be spaced as far apart as possible. Desks will be placed facing forward in the same direction so students do not sit face-to-face.
- Movement in the hallways will be one way. Arrow reminders will be in place to help remind students. Appropriate social distancing when lining up will be taught and monitored by staff members.

School bus protocols: School bus transportation may not readily allow for physical distancing.

- Parents are encouraged to screen for COVID-19 symptoms at home prior to their child getting on the bus.
- Parents should encourage hand hygiene upon boarding the bus.
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Meal time protocols: Students will be kept in groups during meal times.

- For breakfast, PK-2 students will eat in the Cafeteria as normal.
- Grades K -6 will eat in the cafeteria. Grades 7-12 will have a breakfast cart and will eat in their designated area..
- During lunch period, PK-6 will eat in 2 shifts in the cafeteria to maintain social distancing. Tables as well as high traffic touch areas will be thoroughly sanitized between each use.
- 7-12 will eat in the cafeteria and maintain social distance as much as possible with assigned seating.

Recess and Physical Education Protocols: Physical activity during recess and physical education class is important for a child's physical, mental and emotional health.

- Students should engage in these activities with their primary groups (to the extent possible) to reduce the number of contacts.
- Multiple groups may have recess at the same time, as long as they are playing in separate areas of the playground.

- Hand hygiene will be required before and after recess and physical education. The risk of transmitting the disease is much lower in outdoor play areas.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS PROTOCOL

- Students and staff are encouraged, but not required to wear a mask, however this is subject to change at any time.
- Masks will be available for those students who wish to wear one or who are at high risk.
- The correct wearing of masks will be consistent with CDC Guidelines.

CLEANING/HAND WASHING/RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- Hand sanitizers will be available in all classrooms and high traffic areas.
- Restrooms will be disinfected multiple times throughout the day.
- Water bottle filling stations have been placed in all buildings for students to use.
- Proper handwashing procedures will be consistent with CDC Guidelines.
- Increased cleaning for high touch surfaces will be in place.
- HVAC systems will be cleaned and filters changed routinely.
- Students with respiratory symptoms will be asked to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue, use the nearest waste receptacle, and perform hand hygiene.
- School will provide conveniently located dispensers of sanitizer, and ensure that supplies for hand washing are constantly available.
- During a respiratory outbreak, students will be taught to wear their mask appropriately and supervised.

APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

- All necessary medical and safety precautions will be followed. In addition all accommodations will be made as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plans.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

Throughout the Fall of 2022, teachers and administration discussed student growth and identified students who needed intervention due to loss of instruction. Students' emotional and mental health were also discussed. Below is a list of how student needs will be addressed.

- Teachers and administrators met in the fall and recommended struggling students for additional instructional help.
- Benchmark assessments will continue to be administered and reviewed.
- Progress towards IEP goals will continue to be monitored.
- Grades and Attendance will continue to be closely monitored.
- ESSR III Funds will be used to provide supplemental resources for teachers.
- Principals and Counselor will continue to monitor the social-emotional well being of individual students.
- Counselor will meet and provide support for those students identified.
- Professional learning will be provided to staff to understand the social and emotional attributes of all learners.
- Risco School will continue to offer vaccinations to staff as we have done in the past.
- The school backpack program will continue to distribute food over the weekend to families in need.

Last Updated on September 12th, 2022 to adhere to new CDC Guidelines