

Health and Safety Policies

For the wellbeing of the children, a child must not be sent to school when ill. Parents should be on the alert for signs of illness in their children and keep them home when they are sick. If a child becomes sick during school, the parents will be notified. All parents are required to have an alternate care system in place in the event of illness. There is no infirmary on the school grounds. Please make sure we have current phone information in case of an emergency.

PLEASE follow these steps to promote a healthy environment for all the children.
No child should be sent to school with the following:

FEVER: must be absent for 24 hours without fever reducing medications before returning to school

COLDS: accompanied by colored nasal discharge, sneezing, coughing, congestion

FLU: vomiting, body aches, fever (see above)

RASHES: that have not been diagnosed by your child's physician as non-contagious

STREP THROAT

EAR INFECTIONS

SORE THROAT

PINK EYE

DIARRHEA

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Symptoms Which are Consistent with COVID-19

The symptoms listed below are considered consistent with COVID-19 when one of the symptoms marked with a (^) or two of the other symptoms are present above baseline for that individual. When a child presents these symptoms or combination of symptoms the parents should keep their child home and consult their child's physician to check for COVID 19.

One of these symptoms

- Cough^
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing^
- New loss of taste or smell^

Two or more of these symptoms

- Congestion or runny nose,
- Fever or chills
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Fever equal to or greater than 100.

COVID-19 Policies

Face Coverings

Masks will be optional for students, staff and visitors who enter the building throughout the school year.

Quarantine for Close Contact

Regardless of vaccination status, if a close contact displays no signs or symptoms of COVID, they may continue to attend school, but are recommended to test for COVID-19 on day 5.

Close Contact Definition

An individual is considered a close contact if any of following is true: • Were within 6 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day. • Had physical contact with the person. • Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the person (i.e., from coughing, sneezing, contact with dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or other personal items). • Lives with or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person.

EXCEPTION:

In K-12 indoor classroom settings, students who remained 3 feet or more away from an infected student are not considered close contacts if:

- *Both students were consistently and correctly wearing well-fitting masks*
- *Note: This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the classroom.*

Isolation for COVID-19 Positive Individuals

If tested positive for COVID-19: An individual will isolate for 5 days, day 0 being the first day of symptom onset, returning on day 6 as long as: their symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications.

We ask that you please call the office and notify us if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

COVID-19 Outbreak at RMS

RMS will be monitoring absenteeism in our buildings. If there is an outbreak of COVID-19 at our school, the administrator will consult with the Racine Health Department to determine the best course of action to contain the spread of the virus and to keep as many children and staff in school as possible. These may include a change in classroom or school-wide procedures and extra layers of preventative measures including masking, cohorting and physical distancing. These measures will be short term and used only until the spread within the school has diminished.