



Dear Riverview Parents,

We wanted to once again outline our Covid-19 procedures and protocols, so that we are all on the same page.

When the District is informed of a positive case, it is immediately reported to our District Health Staff (school nurses and administrators) and the Allegheny Health Department. We then begin a collaborative and strict contact tracing protocol to determine if there are any “close contacts” with infected individual(s). Remember, for masked students, “close contact” is defined as being less than 3 feet from an infected person for more than 15 consecutive minutes. If we determine that your child is a “close contact,” we will reach out to you with further guidance and provide any quarantine/isolation requirements that may follow. If you do not receive contact from the school, then there is nothing to worry about, and business goes on as usual.

To give us the best chance of keeping our schools open and safe (and sports and extra-curriculars active), *here is where we need your help:*

1. **Get your Children Vaccinated** - If your children are eligible for the vaccinations, get them vaccinated right away. Aside from keeping our schools and children safe, ***symptom-free, masked, and vaccinated students are exempt from isolations and quarantines.*** Getting your child vaccinated not only keeps them safe, but keeps you from being inconvenienced by the Covid-19 protocols and recommendations, which can be extremely disruptive to families. A vaccinated student population is our best way of keeping extra-curriculars meeting, sports teams competing, and kids attending school in person.
2. **Masks Indoors** – Whether your child is vaccinated or unvaccinated, ***masks should be worn AT ALL TIMES when indoors.*** We know that mask restrictions were lifted over the summer, but now that school has started, it is extremely important that everyone follow this important recommendation. Also keep in mind

that **when students are unmasked and outside of school, the definition of “close contact” changes to 6ft or less**, for more than 15 minutes. This is an important distinction to keep in mind in terms of quarantines. Ultimately, however, when students wear masks indoors, it helps us to manage the spread of the virus. So please require masks when you have guests in your home, or if your child is in the car with a friend, or when your child visits other children.

3. **Be Calm and Trust Us** – Covid-19 can cause fear, and when people are worried or panicked, rumors spread. If you hear things, please try to stay out of the fray. Remember that we have strict protocols and if your child is affected, you will certainly be notified. As long as everyone is honest and open with the school (and they have been), no cases will go unnoticed and we can continue to keep everyone safe. We have been doing this (unfortunately) for a year and a half now, and our procedures are well established. ***Remember, if you don't hear from the school, there is no reason to panic or worry.*** That being said, if you have relevant information that you feel we need to know, or you have any questions or concerns, simply contact the District Health Staff and we will be accessible and supportive.

We thank you in advance for doing your part to help us stay safe and open. We will need to *work as a team* to keep everyone safe. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support of the Riverview School District, and we hope you continue to stay happy, peaceful, and safe.

Go Raiders!

Sincerely,

The Riverview Administration