



## 2021-2022 Riverview School District Health and Safety Plan Summary

**Initial Effective Date:** August 26, 2021

**Date of Last Review:** June 14, 2021

**Date of Last Revision:** June 21, 2021

The Riverview School District will provide instructional options that balance the educational needs of students with the health and safety of the community at large. The District recognizes the dynamic nature of this pandemic and understands that with additional research, the realities of health-related concerns, and the growing demands of the public health sector, we will be required to tailor and adjust the Health and Safety Plan as needed. Therefore, the District is prepared to move between phases efficiently, and will prepare the students and families for these adjustments as well.

**Therefore, the options below will be offered to students and families at the Riverview School District for the 2021-2022 school year:**

- 100% Full In-Person Learning** (5 days a week instruction for all Riverview students K-12 with physical distancing to the “maximum extent possible”)
- Riverview Cyber Academy** (5 days a week 100% “asynchronous” virtual option to occur at home)

## Overarching Questions

1. How will Riverview School District, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Riverview School District has been engaged with in-person learning for most of the 2020-2021 school year, with heavy support and guidance from local health officials and the State and County Health Departments. The District has created and followed a stringent and detailed Health and Safety Plan throughout the health crisis and will continue with essential components of this plan moving forward. The specific details of the health and safety plan are included in the chart below. Riverview will be offering a 100% in-person option to all families in the 2021-2022 school year, with strict health and safety and quarantining protocols in place.

2. How will the Riverview School District ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to: services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Academically, the District has purchased a host of digitally progressive tools to assess student need and provide tailored instruction to all students in reading and math. In addition, the District have reorganized resources in order to provide additional interventions and reading support to students. Staff will use diagnostic information to continue to assess learning loss due to Covid-19 and create additional opportunities for students to close the gap. A more inclusive educational environment has provided for more accountability and in-person opportunities for students. School counselors have provided professional learning opportunities for staff members regarding typical childhood reactions to stress and trauma and mental health awareness, as well as trauma-informed practices. The District has purchased additional training opportunities to support the mental health awareness for staff and students. The Administrative team and teacher leadership will continue to develop transitional procedures and guidelines to accentuate safety measures at the school and provide effective instructional methodologies to support student learning. School counselors will continue using virtual meetings to collaborate with students and families with meaningful support for transitioning students back into the instructional setting. Counselors will be readily available for students expressing fears, loss, anxiety and/or signs of depression. Classroom paraprofessionals will support the learning environment accordingly.

The Riverview School District Food Services Department works in collaboration with the State and Local entities and our contracted vendors to ensure that equitable, accessible, and healthy food options are available to all Riverview families. Breakfast and lunch options will be provided that will adhere to the CDC, State, and County Department of Health guidelines.

The table below illustrates the strategies, policies, and procedures in which the Riverview School District will employ to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and provide a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC, State and County Health Departments.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a>;</p>	<p><b>Masks</b> - All staff and students must wear masks in accordance with CDC and State and County Health Department mandates and guidance. If masks are a requirement, parents must provide masks to each of their children to be worn each day to school until restrictions are lifted (preferably, all students should have an extra mask as well). Each school is equipped with additional masks as needed, including N95 masks for staff members that have lunch duties, or may have to enter multiple learning environments. Mask breaks will only be provided to students when they are outside. Under the current mask requirement, the only time masks are permitted to be removed is when students are eating. As such, students may also be spaced in accordance with CDC, State, and Federal guidelines.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a>;</p>	<p><b>Classroom / Learning Spaces - Junior-Senior HS</b> – All Riverview schools will be operating on a 5-day a week schedule, with a 100% cyber academy option. All students and Staff members will organize classrooms to allow for physical distancing in accordance with CDC, State and County mandates and guidelines. If physical distancing is required, desks will be arranged in a manner that will minimize opportunities for the transmission of the virus. Visitors will be limited to essential personnel only. Teachers and staff will provide cues and protocols for physical distancing. Visual reminders for physical distancing will be provided. Cafeteria spaces will be arranged and organized in accordance with current CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. As such, students will be spaced accordingly. Overflow rooms may be utilized during eating times to achieve this requirement.</p> <p><b>Classroom / Learning Spaces - Elementary Schools</b> – All Riverview schools will be operating on a 5-day a week schedule, with a 100% cyber academy option. Staff members will organize classrooms in accordance with current CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. As such, the arrangement of classroom furniture will support the appropriate physical distancing, including student desks/chairs spaced out accordingly. Recess schedules may be staggered to limit the number of students, as well as an effort to keep students in smaller groups if needed. Hygiene practices will occur throughout</p>

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	<p>the day and visual reminders about hygiene will be posted in all buildings. Plexiglass is installed in all office spaces. Visitors are limited to essential personnel only. Teachers and staff will provide cues and protocols for physical distancing, as appropriate. Visual reminders for physical distancing and directional traffic may be posted in all buildings, based on current guidelines. Cafeteria spaces will be arranged and organized in accordance with current CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. As such, students will be spaced accordingly. Overflow rooms may be utilized during eating times to achieve this requirement. Locker/cubby use may be limited to grade levels where students switch teachers and to avoid large grouping of students in close proximities if necessary.</p>
<p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and hygiene and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>	<p><b>Hygiene</b> – The Riverview School District hygiene routines will begin at home prior to the student entering our school buildings. A checklist has been distributed to all parents as a daily requirement to attend school. If a student or staff member is ill, they must stay at home until symptoms subside, or are cleared by a medical professional. Ongoing reminders by staff for student handwashing will occur. Each classroom will be provided with adequate amounts of cleaning supplies including hand sanitizer, wipes/paper towels, and spray bottles with the necessary amount of alcohol content to mitigate germs and viruses. Adequate amounts of soap, touchless paper towel dispensers, and touchless trash cans are available in each building. Sanitizing stations, as well as hands free sanitizers, are strategically placed throughout the buildings, especially near doors or high touch areas. Students will be expected to wash hands before eating and will be asked to utilize hand sanitizer when entering the classroom and as instructional situations warrant throughout the school day. All students are required to wash/sanitize hands when leaving and entering the classroom. Sanitizers are available for additional use in each classroom.</p>
<p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>	<p><b>Daily Cleaning Protocols</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Custodians will clean and disinfect high touch areas as CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines require. Each school has their own electrostatic sprayer to assist with daily cleaning protocols.</li> <li>• When staff and students are in the buildings, custodians will disinfect high touch areas routinely (i.e., door handles, dispensers, light switches, elevator buttons, water fountain bottle filling station buttons, stairway handles, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.).</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After occupants leave for the day, a thorough cleaning will be completed in each bathroom. Toilets, sinks, and dispensers will be cleaned and disinfected. Floors will be swept and mopped. Dispensers will be checked for supplies, cleaned and disinfected.</li> <li>• Floors will be either swept by vacuum or dust mop. Areas that have tile will be mopped periodically.</li> <li>• The Custodial staff and teaching staff will communicate when there is a need for products related to disinfection.</li> <li>• Teachers and students will work collaboratively to clean surfaces before and after use (whether this is daily or at the switch of classes, based on where the staff member works).</li> </ul> <p><b>Nightly Cleaning Protocols</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The additional hours overnight will allow for sufficient HVAC air exchanges and ample time for the electrostatic sprayer disinfectant and surface viruses to die.</li> <li>• Cleaning will be completed in all rooms, bathrooms, cafeterias, locker rooms, and hallways.</li> <li>• After cleaning is finished, the custodial staff in each building will use the electrostatic sprayer/canister sprayer to disinfect all surfaces and high touch point areas.</li> <li>• If lockers are being used, they will be disinfected as appropriate.</li> <li>• All Staff will be required to leave the building by 5:30pm to allow custodians ample time to clean and disinfect.</li> <li>• Custodians will check the high efficiency (MERV-13) filters routinely to make sure they are cleaned and replaced as necessary.</li> <li>• Inventory check and restock of supplies will occur in each classroom. This may include vinyl gloves, disinfectant, extra disposable masks, sanitizer, bottles of disinfectant, etc.</li> <li>• If students in outside groups use the facilities (cafeteria, gymnasium, bathrooms), the maintenance staff will wipe down high touch areas, as well as clean and disinfect bathrooms and floors as required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Procurement of Supplies</b> – The Riverview School District has made a concerted effort to procure masks, ample cleaning solution, gloves and other available personal protective equipment (PPE) in accordance with CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. All supplies meet CDC requirements for handling the transmission of COVID-19;</p>

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	<p>adhering to SDS guidelines to ensure that cleaning solutions are acceptable for use in our schools. Supplies will be available in all classrooms. Face masks have been purchased that are cloth and consist of multiple layers, to allow for greater safety. Face shields are available as needed.</p> <p><b>Cleaning and Sanitizing Protocols</b> – Cleaning and sanitation procedures will be implemented in accordance with CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. Increased frequency of sanitizing high touch areas, doors, knobs, etc., will help to mitigate transmission of germs and viruses. Doors will be propped open for ventilation as needed and touch-free sanitizing stations will be spread strategically throughout the buildings (especially next to doors that need to stay closed for safety reasons). Teachers and students will work collaboratively to help sanitize desks and spaces after each class period. Signage in each classroom will help to convey cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures. High touch areas will be wiped down or sprayed daily. High touch areas in the main office will be cleaned periodically throughout the day. To assist with these procedures, each classroom is fully equipped with hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes and spray bottles of cleaning solution. Staff can request additional supplies at any time, and more supplies will be delivered promptly. Touch free sanitizers are installed in all buildings to enhance safety protocols.</p> <p><b>Air and Ventilation Systems</b> –The District has purchased and has installed higher rated filters (MERV-13) to ensure all airborne particulates are captured. HVAC systems will run during unoccupied hours which will further dilute the air in classrooms and keep the air clean. The evening hours will allow for multiple air exchanges in each classroom to clear out additional particles and airborne pathogens that may still be present. The current air ventilation system has been analyzed, upgraded, and is sufficient for exchanging air effectively and keeping indoor spaces safe.</p> <p><b>Training</b> - The custodial and maintenance staff members have been trained regarding proper cleaning procedures and expectations for cleaning routines and protocols. Staff members have been trained regarding proper protocol and application of specific cleaning solutions and tools. Ongoing trainings and specific supervision strategies are implemented to ensure effectiveness of cleaning processes and procedures. The trainings/protocols will be implemented by district leadership, and/or additional outside trainers as necessary.</p>

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<p>e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p><b>Quarantining Procedures</b> – The Riverview School District has reconfigured Health Offices by utilizing adjacent spaces to allow for safe student and staff member care. One area is designated for healthy students with routine needs, medication, diabetic checks and first aid/injury assessments. A second space is utilized by students and Staff who are ill and being evaluated for possible infection. An air purification system has been installed in all three health suites to support proper air flow as an additional safety precaution. HEPA filtration systems are installed in all quarantine rooms in the District. School Health Staff will provide protocols for staff that align with current CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines. All Health Staff is equipped with proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and will have adequate supplies available at all times. Classrooms are equipped with basic first aid supplies to handle common first aid requests in class.</p> <p><b>Returning to School</b> - The Riverview School District adheres to all guidelines CDC, State and County Health Department mandates and guidelines regarding safe return after being infected or exposed to Covid-19. Infected individuals will not be permitted into the school according to those guidelines, and must be symptom free without use of fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours (this is subject to change as health officials continue to learn more about the virus). The Riverview Health Staff will work collaboratively with the Allegheny County Health Department in regard to contact tracing and guiding staff and families through the process. Students and staff members assimilating back into the school environment must follow strict Allegheny County Health Department guidelines as set forth.</p>
<p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>	<p><b>Monitoring Health</b> – The Riverview School District has purchased digital “no-touch” thermometers to provide an additional line of defense for identifying students and staff members who may have contracted COVID-19 and are exhibiting high temperatures. As a precautionary monitoring measure, all students, staff and essential visitors will be monitored and evaluated at home each day prior to entering each building. Parents will be required to keep their children home if their child is exhibiting any symptoms of illness. The District will provide parents with a daily checklist to administer at home prior to leaving for school. Staff are instructed and trained to monitor the health and wellbeing of the students. The Staff are fully aware of the necessary precautions to minimize the possibility of spreading viruses. The school staff monitors absenteeism, physical distancing practices, and re-entry considerations on a case by case basis in accordance with</p>

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	<p>Allegheny County Health Department recommendations. If a student is observed as having symptoms, the staff will alert the building Health Staff, and the Health Staff will initially see the student outside of the classroom, and subsequently make decisions on additional care based on their examination. An isolation room will be available for students that exhibit symptoms related to Covid-19.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<p><b>Vaccinations</b> - The District has already partnered with local health facilities and Districts to offer vaccinations to students and families when they become available. If/when the vaccination becomes available to 6-12 year-olds, The District will continue this collaboration in order to make vaccination accessible and easy for families to participate. The District supports vaccinations for all students, as they become available, and will routinely encourage parents to ensure that their children become vaccinated.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p><b>Students with Disabilities</b> – The Riverview School District is required to ensure students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) at all times. All students with disabilities must follow all health and safety protocols. However, safe accommodations can be made through each student’s individualized education plan (IEP). Staff will gather baseline data, monitor student’s current educational levels, and determine if additional accommodations or services are needed.</p> <p><b>Quality Learning Opportunities</b> – A more inclusive educational environment will provide for more accountability and in-person opportunities for students. School counselors have created professional learning opportunities for staff members regarding typical childhood reactions to stress and trauma and mental health awareness. The District has purchased additional training opportunities to support the mental health awareness of staff and students. The Administrative team and teacher leadership will continue to develop reentry procedures and guidelines to accentuate safety measures at the school and provide effective instructional methodologies to support student learning. School counselors will continue using virtual meetings to collaborate with students and families with meaningful support for transitioning students back into the instructional setting as needed. Counselors will be readily available for students expressing fears, loss, anxiety and/or signs of depression. Classroom paraprofessionals will support the learning environment accordingly.</p>



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<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p><b>Coordination with State and Local Health Officials</b> – The Riverview Health Staff collaborate with the District physician and officials from the State and Allegheny County Health Departments on a routine basis. The Health Staff works collaboratively with the administration, teachers, custodians, and nurses to ensure that all procedures and protocols are properly adhered to and that communication is seamless in regard to symptoms and confirmed cases of COVID-19. The District works in collaboration with the State and Allegheny Health Department on all issues related to COVID-19.</p>

**Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Riverview School District** has reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **June 21, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 Yes

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Affirmed on: **June 21, 2021**.

By:

  
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(Signature\* of Board President)

Lisa Ashbaugh  
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(Print Name of Board President)

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