

## **To the families and community of RVCSD:**

We are grateful to be returning to another year of school. We are eager to begin the new school year and helping students develop to their optimal potential.

As we begin the new year, we are at a different stage in dealing with COVID locally, regionally, as a state and elsewhere. We are fully committed to the safety, health and well-being of our RVCSD students, families, and staff, and will take much from what we learned in the recent past to help us move forward safely and wisely.

We will keep our extensive 2020-2021 Return-to-Learn plan as a resource to draw from if the need arises. We have consulted our friends at Community Health Partners and Hegg Health Center and will begin the year with a streamlined approach that emphasizes hygiene, practicality, and personal responsibility.

In addition to all our normal routines and procedures, we will adhere to the same precautions we were at the end of 2022-2023 school year:

- Students and staff are asked to stay home when they are sick, so as not to spread infection of any kind.
- Masks or face coverings are optional for students, staff, and visitors.
- Students are encouraged to bring water from home in bottles with lids or closure of some kind. Students may refill water bottles in water bottle filler stations.
- Frequent reminders will be given to wash hands and to cover sneezes/coughs-
- Classrooms will be arranged to maximize space where possible.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at each entrance. Students and staff are encouraged to utilize these upon entering the building.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be placed in the lunch line. Students and staff will be encouraged to utilize them.
- Extensive cleaning and disinfecting will continue within the buildings and facilities.
- As per public health recommendations, students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should remain home until they are no longer infectious. They can return when:
  - At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
  - 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication AND
  - COVID-19 symptoms improve, and the case is feeling “well” again.

We will coordinate with our state and local health officials to adjust if/when the necessity arises.

Sincerely,

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