



2020-2021 Reopening Plan

Since the novel coronavirus pandemic began, River Valley Charter School has been committed to ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff. We have learned so much from the time of our closure in March until now. This health crisis is fluid, which brings about changes on a daily basis. With this constantly evolving pandemic, we have been flexible based upon guidance given from national, state, and local agencies.

We have worked to seek input from RVCS stakeholders, and the information gleaned from surveys, discussions, and meetings has allowed us to continue to make difficult decisions that can best meet the needs of our school community under these ever-changing circumstances. We have continued to work diligently throughout the summer to prepare for the start of the school year using the input we've received over these last months and guidance from national, state, and local agencies as the standard.

Until it is safe for RVCS students and staff to return to campus, RVCS will continue to offer independent study three days a week and distance learning two days a week. It is our goal through distance learning to ensure RVCS maintains our commitment to helping students grow and thrive as independent learners.

It is our hope that the information contained herein will provide information families need to make the best decision for your student and family. Additional details related to reopening our school will be addressed and provided as information becomes available.

Our staff members look forward to serving students when school starts on August 17, 2020. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



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RVCS will be prepared to shift between the following learning models throughout the school year. RVCS will determine the level for all students based on state, county, and local health department guidance, orders, and/or local conditions at the time.

LEVEL 1

100% Distance Learning

Used if the State of California guidelines do not allow for in-person instruction, Stay-at-home order is issued in San Diego County, or as necessitated by local health conditions

LEVEL 2

Modified –1 day In-Person

- Students will report to campus one day per week
- Class sizes will be smaller than usual to accommodate social distancing
- Social distancing will be accomplished within the classroom and/or available space on campus
- Promotes connection with the school and access to meals

LEVEL 3

Return to 2 day In-Person

Used if the State of California, San Diego County, and local conditions support instruction without the need for social distancing

Student/Staff Interaction

Students will complete independent study work three days per week and will be presented with live instruction on their two scheduled class days per week

➤ **Examples of live instruction**

include: Video conferencing, live webinar, streaming video, synthesis of learning

➤ **Examples of independent study:**

Pre-recorded videos, online discussion boards, peer collaboration time, content reading and writing

- Two-day a week live instruction for 50 minutes per period (see **Schedule**)
- Students with special needs receive necessary accommodations to the extent practicable
- Emphasis on teachers' digital presence, building community, and making connections with students

Live Instruction Schedule for Distance Learning

This schedule pertains to the two live instruction ("class") days based on grade level as listed below:

9th and 10th graders attend live instruction:
Tuesdays/Thursdays

7th, 8th, 11th, and 12th graders attend live instruction:
Wednesdays/Fridays

Period 1: 8:30 – 9:20
Break : 9:20 – 9:30
Period 2: 9:30 – 10:20
Break: 10:20 – 10:30
Period 3: 10:30 – 11:20
Break: 11:20 – 11:30
Period 4: 11:30 – 12:20
Lunch: 12:20 – 1:00
Period 5: 1:00 – 1:50
Tutoring: 2:00 – 3:00

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken during live instruction classes
- Students are to complete all assigned work in order to have their school attendance counted
- Per the RVCS Master Agreement, students cannot miss more than 4 assignments in all classes combined in a 15-school day period.

Grading

Grading will be based upon teachers' grading scales in classes that earn letter grades (90-100 = A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=D (in middle school only); 69 and below= F at the high school level. Classes that are credit/no credit courses will be given a mark of Pass or Fail.



Technology Resources

Devices

Students needing access to a device will be assigned a Chromebook for school use

Support

RVCS will work with families to ensure that students have devices and connectivity necessary to participate in distance learning

Jupiter Grades student, teacher, parent portal to provide a single sign-on to access all online resources from any device

RVCS offers 24/7 online tutoring via GradeSlam to ensure students have access to tutoring support

RVCS offers online math tutoring with our resident math tutor, Sarah Murray. (Tutoring times TBD)

WiFi Resources

RVCS is committed to support Internet access for all students. If you need assistance, please contact us at info@rivalleyhigh.org or 619.390.2579.

Below are optional resources that may provide low or no-cost Internet services:

Hotspot:

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/learn/cox-hotspots.html>

Low cost Internet: Cox Connect2Compete

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2competehome.html>

Spectrum Internet Assist

<https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist>

To determine if your family qualifies for low-cost Internet service, please visit <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>.

To request an eligibility letter confirming free-reduced lunch, please contact us at info@rivalleyhigh.org with the following information:

1. Student's name(s)
2. Student ID number
3. Name of parent/guardian requesting the letter



Disinfecting Procedures

Custodial staff will have appropriate tools, equipment, and training to provide enhanced disinfecting at RVCS

Staff will provide additional cleaning throughout the day

Prioritized focus for cleaning and disinfecting will be on high touch areas:

- Door handles
- Student desks
- Light switches
- Sinks/faucets
- Toilets
- Restroom accessories

Hand Sanitizer

Available on campus, in the Office and Media Center, and in the classrooms

Soap Dispensers

Stocked with antimicrobial soap and checked daily for proper functioning and supply

Face Coverings

Face coverings will be provided to students and staff who need one while on the school campus

Students and staff may bring their own face coverings that meet public health guidelines (see page 8 for additional information)



School Campus

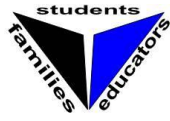
- Students and staff will maintain social distancing
- Signage to denote social distancing expectations, hand washing, and prevention of germ spreading
- Clear screens installed in front office area
- Face coverings will be required (see page 8)
- Designated entry/exit points
- Limit visitor and volunteer access to school

Classrooms

- Social distance will be maintained
- Smaller class sizes to accommodate social distancing
- Avoid sharing of objects; promote individual use
- Face coverings required (see page 8)

Lunch

Lunch offered in designated areas with students maintaining social distance



Face Coverings – Required on Campus*

In accordance with current California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Guidance for Face Coverings and Directives from the State, anyone on the school campus is required to wear face coverings*

Face Coverings:

Must be worn by everyone on campus:

- Anyone in 3rd grade and above
- While on school grounds (except when eating or drinking)
- While in the classroom (even if maintaining six feet social distance)

*Face Covering Exemptions:

Other than exceptions listed below, anyone who refuses to wear a face covering will be sent home:

- Persons with a verified medical or mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering
- Persons who are hearing impaired or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired or where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication



The health and safety of students and staff on our school campus is of extreme importance. Along with the other safety measures, the following wellness screenings will be implemented. Subject to change based on California Department of Health guidelines.

Screening at Home:

- Families are encouraged – and we recommend – that student's temperatures be checked daily before going to school
 - Anyone with a fever of 100.4° F or higher, or with COVID-19 symptoms (see below) should not go to school
 - Personal illness, quarantine, and COVID-19 illness or symptom-related absences will be excused
- Staff members also will be required to selfscreen and take temperature daily prior to coming to work

Process at School:

- Daily screening will be conducted prior to entering campus, which currently includes a visual check, questionnaire, and possible temperature check, based on current guidance
- If a student presents symptoms of COVID-19, the student will go to a designated isolation area until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian
- Parents should be prepared to pick up their student(s) immediately if they develop COVID-19 symptoms while at school. Please be sure to have updated emergency contacts on file

COVID-19 Symptoms - Anyone exhibiting the following symptoms will not be allowed on the school campus: Cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle pain, headache, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/runny nose, chills/shaking with chills, new loss of taste or smell

If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case within our school, we may need to implement the following actions based on the San Diego County Department of Health and State guidance.

Coordinate with local health officials. Once learning of a COVID-19 case in our school, we immediately notify the San Diego County Department of Health, who help to determine a course of action

Additional staff and students may be subject to quarantine for 14 days if they have been in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone at school that has tested positive for COVID-19

Possible temporary closure of a the school for a specified amount of time:

- If one teacher or student tests positive, that classroom would shift to Distance
- Learning and all within that classroom would be subject to quarantine for 14 days
- If a school experiences a five percent positive rate of both students and/or teachers, the entire school would shift to Distance Learning, with everyone subject to quarantine for 14 days

Communication and signage regarding closures and/or shift to Distance Learning, due to possible COVID-19 exposure will be shared, while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with privacy laws

Clean and disinfect thoroughly - Specially trained custodial staff will clean and disinfect all areas used by ill persons, focusing on frequently touched surfaces

Returning to School/Work - After a positive diagnosis is made, students/staff may return to school/work once identified criteria is met (i.e., a negative test result after 14-day quarantine)

Stay home from work or school, and away from other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.

- **Wash hands frequently with soap and water**
- **Scrub for 20 seconds!**



Wash hands:

- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using the restroom
- Before eating or preparing food
- After playing outside
- Before and after touching your face



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.



Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



If you think you or your student is sick, please consult with your health care provider.



School Connectedness:

RVCS is committed to establishing individual connections with families to ensure that students remain connected to our school community and are actively participating in learning.

School Counselor:

Our School Counselor, Michelle Ditomaso, can be reached at michelle.ditomaso@rivervalleyhigh.org, and she is available to meet with students whether they are on or off campus.

Mental Health and Wellness:

The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is committed to supporting school districts, schools, students, and families with resources to improve their mental and emotional wellness. A compilation of resources created by SDCOE can be found at <https://www.sdcoe.net/student-services/student-support/Pages/mental-health.aspx>