

Contingency Learning and Safety Plan

RBBCSC is committed to doing our best to address the academic, mental health, and safety needs of our students and staff. Our plan is a living document that is subject to change based on the current situation.

Safety Measures

- If the Monroe County Health Department lifts the Mask Order on March 3rd, RBBCSC will make facial coverings optional for students and staff on March 4th.
 - RBBCSC may reinstate a mask mandate for a class, school, or the corporation as a response to a surge in positive cases and/or future federal, state, and county health orders.
- Facial coverings will continue to be required for students and staff on the bus. This is a federal mandate.
- Attendance incentives will be discontinued for the 2021-2022 school year.

Close Contacts

- In alignment with Indiana Department of Health Guidelines, RBBCSC is not implementing contact tracing protocols.
 - Close Contacts will not be quarantined.

Periods of High Transmission

- RBBCSC reserves the right to implement mitigation strategies during periods of high transmission of COVID-19 in a classroom, at school, or throughout the corporation/community.
- Additional mitigation strategies may include increased distancing, contact tracing, quarantining, temporary masking, testing, etc.

Positive COVID-19 Cases

- **PreSchool-Grade 12**
 - Students and staff (regardless of vaccination status) who test positive for COVID-19:
 - ✓ Stay home for 5 days.
 - ✓ Return on or after Day 6 under the following conditions:
 - Must be asymptomatic for 24 hours.
 - Must be fever free for 24 hours without medication.
 - Must continue to wear a mask consistently in school and on the bus and follow enhanced precautions through day 10 (must also wear face covering outside if around people).
 - Enhanced Precautions

- ❖ Masked at all times (except for eating and drinking)
- ❖ Distance as much as possible in the cafeteria
- ❖ Monitor symptoms.
- May resume extracurricular activities on or after Day 6 if able to wear a mask while performing or playing through Day 10 as well as following all above conditions

Visitors

- Visitors are permitted past the school office at the discretion of the building administrator.

Social Distancing Strategies

- School will promote social distancing as much as possible.

Handwashing And Sanitizing Schedule

- Frequent handwashing and/or applying sanitizer and avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth will be emphasized with students and staff.

Reporting System

- Students, parents/guardians, staff, teachers must report any documented positive cases of COVID-19 in their school to a building administrator.
- RBBCSC will send general notifications through email that there was a positive case in the classroom, cafeteria, school bus, extracurricular activity, etc.
- Because RBBCSC is no longer implementing contact tracing protocols, the school will no longer make individual phone calls to Close Contacts.

Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School

- A fever or Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- The School Corporation may exclude any student or employee who exhibits two or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance that is not otherwise explained.

- Individuals do not need to provide a negative COVID test or doctor's note to return from school if they are experiencing symptoms. Individuals can return to school if symptoms are improving and are fever free for 24 hours prior to return to school date without the use of fever reducing medication.

Home Tests

- RBBCSC will accept rapid home tests (positive or negative) to inform isolation and quarantine decisions for positive cases.
- A photo of test results must be sent to the school office.
- If a negative test is the result but the individual continues to be symptomatic, continue to quarantine and consider taking a COVID PCR test 24-48 hours after the first negative test. Consider contacting a healthcare provider to follow up for continuing symptoms or if symptoms worsen. Please work with your school's health office to determine a return date for those who tested positive.

Transportation

Preparation and Inspection of all buses and transport vehicles for cleanliness and safety are conducted on a regular basis.

The following are additional considerations taking place during the 2021-2022 school year.

- Facial Coverings required on the bus. This is a federal mandate.
- Students will only be able to ride on their designated buses-no exceptions.
- Drivers will wear facial coverings during the route and while cleaning the bus.
- Students should have their facial coverings ready to put on prior to stepping on to the bus. Students will be required to wear school appropriate facial coverings during all bus rides.
- Students will be assigned a specific seat and must remain in that seat throughout the route.

Field trips

- Field trips are permitted on a limited basis at the discretion of the building administrator.

Delivery of Instruction

- Parents of students enrolled in the Richland-Bean Blossom Community School Corporation have been given the opportunity to choose between In-School or All-Virtual options for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **In-School at EECC, EPS, EIS, EJHS, and EHS**
 - Traditional Model with extra safety measures.
 - Instruction planned and delivered by R-BB teachers.
 - Indiana Licensed Teachers
 - Indiana Academic Standards

- Semester Commitment
- In-School Students, who are excluded from school for reasons associated with COVID-19, will have instruction delivered by their classroom teacher electronically or through remote instruction depending on the situation.

Virtual School Academy

- The All-Virtual Academy is available to any student who has social distancing, health or other COVID-19 related concerns regarding in-school instruction.
- The All-Virtual School Academy is a yearlong commitment.
- The rigor and course load will be the same as those attending in-person school each day.
- Virtual school is not synchronous with the in-person school day.
- Students enrolled in the Virtual School will not have opportunities for extracurricular or co-curricular activities taking place on RBBCSC campuses.
- Grades K-5
 - An EPS or EIS Teacher will deliver instruction and learning activities to students via an online platform.
 - The Teacher will monitor student progress, deliver feedback, and make adjustments to instruction based on needs of the students.
 - The Teacher will provide individual or small group sessions to students through scheduled Zoom meetings.
 - The Teacher will grade all assignments and assessments.
 - The Teacher will communicate with parents/guardians regarding their student's academic progress.
 - The Teacher is employed by RBBCSC and licensed by the State of Indiana.
 - Students are expected to access virtual lessons every day of the school week.
 - Student attendance will be monitored daily.
 - Students will need their own device and internet provider for virtual instruction.
 - The Virtual School Academy will require a high degree of parental involvement.

- Communication between home and school will be critical for the success of students.
- For issues related to instruction: Parents should first contact the student's teacher as the most efficient way to address questions or concerns. If the issue is not resolved with the teacher, contacting the principal would be the next step.
- For issues related to technology: Contact R-BB's Tech. Department.

➤ **Grades 6-12**

- Delivery of instruction will be provided through Apex Learning.
- Students will self-pace through courses.
- Designated R-BB Teachers and Instructional Assistants will monitor progress of students.
- Designated RBB Support Teachers will assist students in content areas.
- Counselors will assist students in course selection.
- Attendance will be assessed through ongoing monitoring of regular progress by students.
- Student assignments and assessments will be graded by the Apex Teacher.
- Students will use their Chromebooks to access Apex Learning.
- Students enrolled in the Virtual School Academy will not be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

Special Education

- Most case conferences will be held virtually, unless there is no access to needed technology.
 - The first option for case conferences and other conferences will be virtual.
 - We recognize some families do not have access to needed technology. The staff will also accommodate conferences at school in one of the office conference rooms.
 - ✓ The conference room will be sanitized by the staff immediately following conferences.

Use of Facilities by Community Based Organizations

- Outside organizations providing our community with established after school programs for students may use RBB facilities under the following requirements:
 - Meet with the Superintendent to discuss COVID safety measures.
 - Submit a COVID Safety Plan to the Superintendent for approval.
 - Safety Plans must include the following:
 - ✓ Designate a COVID Coordinator onsite for practices and games
 - ✓ Strategies to promote social distancing
 - ✓ Closed practices: coaches and players only
 - ✓ Promote hand washing and cleaning of equipment.
 - ✓ Students (regardless of vaccination status) who test positive for COVID-19:
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 - Distance as much as possible in the cafeteria
 - Monitor symptoms.
- Submit a 'Request For Use Of Facilities' form for approval.
- The Superintendent may suspend the use of RBB facilities if warranted by the current COVID-19 situation in our community.