

Rush Springs Public Schools

RETURN TO LEARN FRAMEWORK

The coronavirus pandemic has created an ever-evolving, changing environment in the world today. As leaders of Rush Springs Public Schools, our greatest desire is to create a safe environment for our students and staff. It is uncertain what the upcoming weeks and months have in store, but we realize and accept the responsibility that adjustments may need to be made to our procedures and protocols as necessary. As a district, our decisions are driven by guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), State Department of Education (SDE), and health department officials. The *Return to Learn Plan* has been created with those guidelines in mind.

Communication with Parents and Community

All communication with parents and the community will be delivered via the school website, Facebook, and/or individual teacher/class modes of communication. Direct communication with site principals and teachers through text and email will be used on a regular basis. Rush Springs Public Schools is committed to strong communication and responsive action. If you need assistance and cannot reach your site principal, you may reach out to Robbie Burch, Superintendent at rburch@rushsprings.k12.ok.us.

Calendar

Rush Springs Public Schools will adhere to the regularly adopted school calendar with students reporting on Aug. 14. While most students would prefer to be on campus for face-to-face instruction, some may prefer or be required to not attend school for a variety of reasons. To accommodate all students, the District will offer different learning options:

1. Traditional Classroom Instruction (PK-12th)
 2. Full-time Remote/Distance Learning from home (PK – 12th).
- By Friday, July 31, parents/guardians should **email** the Building Principal if they would like to start the school year in **Full-time Remote/Distance Learning**.
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- Building principals will then schedule an appointment in person or via Zoom Meeting with parent/guardian and students in order to go over all of the requirements and expectations that will be required of the student and parent/guardian during remote learning.
- Parent/guardian, student, Building Principal and the school counselor will sign the Remote/Distance Learning Agreement.

Please understand that if you choose Full-time Remote/Distance Learning that this is an enrollment for the full semester. Students will not be permitted to move back and forth between face-to-face classroom instruction and remote learning.

School Cancellation and/or Closure

In the event that conditions warrant the cancellation of school or closure for an extended period of time, information will be communicated ASAP via the following modes: School Website, School Facebook, School Messenger, and Local News Outlets.

Academics and Distance Learning

Due to the ever-changing conditions brought on by COVID-19, a disruption in traditional face-to-face instruction could be possible at some point during the school year. Consistent lesson delivery from teacher to student will remain strong either through a traditional face-to-face method or through Distance Learning.

Whether the instructional mode is face-to-face or Distance Learning, students are expected to participate in **ALL** class activities and complete **ALL** assignments. Student grades will be derived from the outcomes on said activities and assignments.

If conditions warrant for the closure of schools, the platform of assignment delivery will be based on grade level and content decided by building principals in conjunction with teachers (i.e. web-based educational platforms such as Google Classroom or paper assignments for Elementary).

Electronic Devices

1. To mitigate the spread of viruses, no school supplies will be shared. Electronic devices such as Chromebooks will be checked out for students in 3rd-12th grade. 3rd-8th Grade Chromebooks will be stored in the classrooms. Chromebooks will be available to 1st and 2nd Grade on an as-needed basis.
2. Students in grades 1-8 will have the opportunity to take Chromebooks home in the event that school is shut down for an extended period of time.

3. No deposit is required for an electronic device; however, damage to the device will be charged the same as a textbook that is checked out and damaged.
4. Computer Labs will be disinfected after each use.

Attendance Policies

Attendance policies will be relaxed for cases involving COVID-19 to provide for additional absences and to encourage sick staff and students to remain at home.

Site committees will be in place to consider exceptions for medical absences related to COVID-19.

Daily Personal Checklist

Home is the first point of screening. It is paramount that parents/guardians check their child(ren) prior to arriving at school.

Please review this checklist each day before coming to school.

If you answer YES to any of the following questions or start to experience the symptoms outlined below while at school, immediately notify your Building Principal.

Do you have a fever (100 degrees or above) without having taken any fever-reducing medication?

Have you experienced

Cough and Shortness of Breath

OR

AT LEAST TWO OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

Headache

Loss of Taste/Smell

Muscle Aches

Chills

Fatigue

Sore Throat

Have you experienced any gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite?

Have you or anyone with whom you have been "in close contact" been diagnosed with COVID-19 or been placed on quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19?

*within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes

*provided care at home for someone who is sick with COVID-19

*direct physical contact (touched, hugged, or kissed)

*shared eating/drinking utensils

*sneezed, coughed, or got respiratory droplets on you

COVID-19 Protocol

Upon learning that a student or staff member has any of the aforementioned symptoms, that person should test as soon as possible and/or begin quarantine. The process of contact tracing will begin immediately. Those students and/or staff members who may possibly have been exposed will be notified and asked to quarantine. The exposed parties must be quarantined for 14 days from the last day of contact with the infected person or until the original infected person produces a negative test result. At the point of the negative test, those in close contact with the original infected person can return to normal activities.

A positive diagnosis does not necessarily mean shutting down a school site or the entire district. Working with health officials will mean completing contact tracing and possibly suggesting students be tested for the virus.

1. Students/Staff in protocol and absent from school are not allowed to participate in or attend school activities
2. The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
3. The student will be counted as present because distance learning will be provided and upon completion of assignments.

At-School Procedures for those with 100.4 degree or higher temperature

1. Any student and/or staff member that exhibits any of the aforementioned symptoms while at school will immediately be asked to leave the campus. If removal from the campus cannot be done immediately, the subject will be relocated to a predetermined isolation room until exiting campus is possible.
2. If a student and/or staff member is sent home with a temperature, they should not come back until fever-free for at least 24 hours without any fever-reducing medication. If any other symptoms arise while waiting to be fever free, the student and/or faculty member should remain home and either get tested for COVID-19 or follow the procedure [I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms](#) listed below.
3. The school may do random temperature checks throughout the day on an as needed basis.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Recommendations

When Can I Be Around Others After You Had Likely Had COVID-19?

If you have or think you might have COVID-19, it is important to stay home and away from other people. Staying away from others helps stop the spread of COVID-19.

I think or know I had COVID-19, and I had symptoms.

You can be with others after:

- 3 days without fever **AND**
- Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of breath) **AND**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

I tested positive for COVID-19, but had no symptoms.

If you continue to have no symptoms, you can be with others after:

- 10 days have passed since the test
- Receiving two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart
- If you develop symptoms after testing positive, follow the guidance on “I think or know I had COVID-19

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

- Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.
- Isolation separates people who are infected with the virus away from people who are not infected.

When to start and end quarantine?

- Should start immediately upon learning of possible exposure
- 14-day duration from your last contact with a person infected

Physical Distancing

1. Building traffic will be reduced to help minimize outside exposure such as parents eating lunch with their child, birthday events, attending assemblies, guest speakers, etc.
2. When possible, classroom desks will be spaced apart, and student will not be placed in groups.
3. School assemblies, pep-rallies, will be minimized.

Hygiene Practices

1. Masks that cover the nose and mouth area will be required for all students and faculty/staff. Exceptions to this will only be made because of a medical condition or for students with developmental disabilities.. A letter from a licensed medical professional will be required to facilitate the request to not wear a mask.

2. Rush Springs Public Schools will provide each student and faculty/staff member with 2 washable masks. If a student or staff member wishes to provide his or her own mask, it must meet the requirement of covering both the nose and mouth area. No alterations or modifications to the mask that compromise the integrity and/or effectiveness of the mask will be allowed.
 3. The school facilities will be sanitized and disinfected continuously throughout the school day. The custodial staff will sanitize each classroom prior to the start of the school day. Desks and other frequently-touched surfaces will be disinfected frequently during the school day.
 4. Touchless hand-sanitizer dispensers will be available outside classroom doors and restrooms. Hand sanitizer will also be available in the classroom dispensed by the teacher.
 5. Frequent hand washing is requested of all school personnel and students.
 6. Water vending machines or water fill stations will be made available where and if possible.
 7. Hygiene lessons will be added to curriculum lessons (in the classroom, in building announcements, etc.)
 8. Custodial staff will receive extra training in daily sanitizing.
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Meal Service

All students will be offered a chance to eat both breakfast and lunch daily; however, the number of meal options will be reduced. Also, in order to accommodate for physical distancing, we will not be able to utilize the cafeteria for all students.

High School

1. Breakfast - will be provided in the classroom
2. Lunch - students will have the option for off-campus or eat in the cafeteria

Middle School

1. Breakfast - will be provided in the classroom
2. Lunch - students will eat in the cafeteria at alternate times to accommodate physical distancing.

Elementary School

1. Breakfast - will be provided in the classroom for students in grades 1-5. Students in grades PK and KG will eat breakfast in the cafeteria.
2. Lunch - students will eat in the cafeteria at alternate times to accommodate physical distancing.

- Assigned seating will be used during meal time
- All student meals will be pre-packaged
- Condiments will be provided in packets instead of common-use areas
- Grab n Go meals will be provided for those students who choose Distance Learning

Transportation

1. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to bring their child(ren) to school.
2. Parents/Guardians are asked to make students wash their hands before getting on the bus.
3. Masks are required for all bus riders.
4. Windows will be down if weather permits.
5. Physical Distancing when applicable and seat assignments will be practiced.
6. Buses will be sanitized daily.

Extra-Curricular Activities / Gatherings / Field Trips

1. Extra sanitizing of facilities will occur
 2. Please understand cancellations and rescheduling of events are highly probable
 3. Field trips will be limited, but still considered on a case-by-case basis in smaller group
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