

Otterville RVI School District



Guidelines and Protocols for Illnesses including Covid 19

2021-2022 School Year Re-Entry

The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidance should an outbreak reoccur.

Guidelines and protocols may also be revised as appropriate to reflect the needs of local conditions.

Commentary regarding COVID-19 guidelines and protocols

- The Otterville RVI School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- The guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines, to the greatest extent feasible, and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to call the Otterville RVI School District at 660-366-4391 to discuss and address those concerns.

If you need or know someone who needs this plan translated or read to them, please contact Cindy Beltz at 660-366-4391

Mitigating Strategy Policies

The Otterville RVI School District was able to continue in-person instruction for the entire 2020-2021 school year, largely due to the mitigating strategies set forth in the board approved Re-Entry Plan titled *COVID-19 Guidelines & Protocols - 2020-2021 School Year Re-Entry*, many of the protocols will continue in the 2021-2022 school year:

- Mask wearing for staff and students is optional.
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be taught and/or reinforced.
- Daily sanitizing and disinfecting will be a priority at all district facilities.
- Parents will be asked to appropriately screen their child to assess wellness before sending their child to school.
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies will be determined, as needed.
- **Drinking fountains will not be used, except for the bottle filling capabilities.**
 - **Students should bring personal water bottles from home.** They should be labeled with the student name, and in clean, sanitary condition.
- Social distancing will be observed to the extent possible by all faculty, staff and students.
- Student activities and athletics will be conducted as usual to the extent they are permissible under local, state, and federal guidelines. MSHSAA guidelines for masks/face coverings apply for both play, practice and transportation. **In seat learning is a condition for eligibility.**
- Attendance incentives for students will cease. Staff and/or students who are sick need to stay home.

Understanding and recognizing contagious illnesses: If exhibiting any of the following conditions, please stay home.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue

- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Newly emerged loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

General health information for students and faculty/staff

- Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to stay at home with any symptoms of illness.
- Students at school who display health symptoms will be checked by the nurse's aid. If evaluation by the nurse aid suggests that the child is ill, the student will stay with the nurse until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home

Transportation information

- Parents/guardians are welcome to drop off students at school instead of using bus service. Drop-off and pick-up systems will be organized to ensure social distancing to the greatest extent possible. The school will only be open during posted hours. Early drop-offs will not be permitted. Drop offs will be completed with a drive through method. Parents will not walk students into the building.
- Students riding the bus from the same household will be required to sit together.
- Buses will be sanitized after each route.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses
- **Drivers and students will use personal protective equipment (PPE), such as masks or shields This is a Federal requirement, not an Otterville RVI requirement.**

Arrival at school

- K-6 students will go directly to classrooms or breakfast on arrival.
- 7-12 students may go through the breakfast line using appropriate social distancing. Students will be required to spread out in the cafeteria in an attempt to maintain social distancing.
- 7-12 students will report directly to their first hour class after finishing breakfast. Students will not be allowed to congregate in hallways or other areas.
- Parents/visitors will be permitted to visit the school office, but will not have access to any other areas in the building.

During the school day

- K-6 students will remain with their class and in designated areas during recess. Classes will not co-mingle during recess, where feasible.
- Technology devices will be assigned to students on a 1:1 basis during the school day.
- Sharing of supplies (art, other) will be minimized and/or eliminated.
- Equipment used by more than one student will be sanitized between uses.

At lunch

- Lunch shifts will be staggered as possible to minimize the number of students gathered.
- All lunches will be plated or boxed. Self-serve options will not be available.
- Students will sit with their classes.
- All tables will be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly between uses.

Other information

- Attendance policies will be adjusted in order to reduce incentives for students to attend school while sick.

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