

Raymond Central Public Schools Reopening Plan

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Nebraska Association Local Health Directors (NALHD)

Working With Schools

Below are shared core principles that local health departments (LHDs) in NE consider when making recommendations and advising local schools about how to safely reopen and stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- LHDs statewide monitoring and evaluating public health data related to COVID-19 in our local jurisdiction daily.
- LHDs want Nebraska schools to open and stay open. We recognize the unique nature of schools and the education system's role in the economic and well-being of children and adults.
- LHDs work closely with our local schools and ESUs to develop reasonable plans for social distancing and masking in school facilities to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These plans need to be locally-responsive and aim to create school environments that will minimize the impact on the school community and the student learning experience when students or staff test positive for COVID-19

Key recommendations that these plans include when community spread is occurring include:

- All staff and students wear cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth whenever possible.
- General physical distancing of 6 feet between individuals wherever possible.
- Frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing

When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from CDC at the time. LHDs will work with schools to consider the following questions when determining how that case will impact others in their classroom and/or school building.

- What is the level of community spread outside of the school building?
- Was the individual with COVID-19 wearing a mask most of the time?
- Were other students and staff who were within 6 feet of the individual with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes masked?
- Was the individual with COVID-19 part of the cohort within the building or did they interact with a large number of students and staff throughout the day?
- To what extent is the school community implementing other non-pharmaceutical interventions?
- The answers to these questions will determine:
 - The number of close contacts.
 - If the close contacts who are not symptomatic may stay in the classroom.
 - The number of other students and staff who will need to be quarantined.

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The following symptom screening criteria for ill students and staff is based on the most current research. Because people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness, the following criteria has been developed to assist schools in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

Students with two of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, cold/shivering, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

OR

At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell



Students and staff who screen positive should be immediately isolated in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a surgical or procedure mask while waiting, if tolerable.

Re-Admittance to School

Symptomatic staff/student who tests positive:



Exclude for:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- AND:**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication
- AND:**
- Symptoms have improved

Symptomatic staff/student not tested:



Exclude for:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- AND:**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication
- AND:**
- Symptoms have improved

May return to school if a doctor establishes an alternative diagnosis and presents a doctor's note.

Symptomatic staff/student who tests negative:



Exclude until fever free for 24 hours (or meets the schools requirements for readmission) **AND** improved respiratory symptoms

There is no reason for a student or staff member to get a “negative test” to be cleared for the return to school. A COVID-19 positive individual does not need a repeat COVID-19 test or a doctor's note in order to return.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, please call the Three Rivers Public Health Department at 42-727-5396.

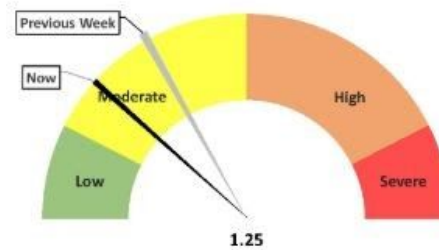
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Raymond Central Public Schools is excited to welcome students back to our three school sites on August 12th, 2020. In order for our district to provide a safe and secure environment for our students and staff, the following measures must be taken and will be implemented with fidelity. The COVID-19 risk level is based on the COVID-19 Risk Dial created and updated by the Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department and Three Rivers Health Department. The COVID-19 threat level will be updated as needed by the Lancaster County Health Department and Three Rivers Health Department which will guide the decision making progress for Raymond Central Public Schools. This plan will be updated to follow the recommendations of local health departments as needed. Updates will be communicated via the school website and school correspondence.



Lancaster County Updated 7.17.20

Saunders



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COVID Green

- All students grades PK-12 will attend school in person
- Based on the current recommendations of local health departments, students and staff may choose to wear masks when the risk level is identified as green. RC will provide multilayered cloth face coverings for students and staff who do not have them available. Students/Staff are welcome to bring and wear their own appropriate multilayered cloth face coverings.

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COVID Yellow

- All students in PK-12 will attend school in person
- Accommodations will be made for K-12 students who are not attending in person to utilize online learning through Zoom and other remote learning tools. Remote learning may consist of joining classes via zoom, meeting individually with a teacher, completing online assignments, etc.
- Based on the current recommendations of local health departments, students are encouraged to wear masks and may be required when appropriate/needed such as during small groups, one on one instruction, etc, and/or for the safety of students and/or staff due to unforeseen circumstances when the risk level is identified as yellow. Staff will be required to wear masks when students are present. RC will provide multilayered cloth face coverings for students and staff who do not have them available. Students/Staff are welcome to bring and wear their own appropriate multilayered cloth face coverings. Any student or staff riding a school bus must wear a mask when the dial level is yellow.

COVID Orange

- All students in PK-12 will attend school in person, however, capacity numbers may need to be adjusted based on recommendations from the health department.
- Accommodations will be made for K-12 students who are not attending in person to utilize online learning through Zoom and other remote learning tools. Remote learning may consist of joining classes via zoom, meeting individually with a teacher, completing online assignments, etc.
- Based on current recommendations of local health departments and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, RC will require face coverings to be worn by students, staff, visitors and other building users while at school or utilizing district transportation. RC will provide multilayered cloth face coverings for students and staff who do not have them available. Students/Staff are welcome to bring and wear their own appropriate multilayered cloth face coverings.

COVID Red

- All RC buildings will be closed and all students will participate in remote learning from home.

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Health and Sanitation Procedures:

The following health and sanitation procedures are actions that we will collectively implement to keep our students and staff members safe.

Topic	Resulting Action
Hand Washing & Hand Sanitizing	<p>Students and staff sanitize their hands consistently, i.e. upon entering the building, entering district transportation vehicles, entering the classroom, exiting the classroom, entering the cafeteria, exiting the cafeteria, exiting the building.</p> <p>Raymond Central Schools will provide 60% or greater alcohol content in the provided hand sanitizer at each school site. The district used a ratio of one gallon for every 8 students.</p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Social distancing will be practiced at appropriate times before, during and after school hours. Staff will ensure they appropriately distance students in the classroom, cafeteria, hallways, buses, etc. Staff and students will not be in physical contact with others unless needed to provide care and/or safety.</p>
High Touch Surface Cleaning	<p>Tabletop surfaces and highly touched areas cleaned consistently, i.e. between each period, door handles cleaned each period, restrooms cleaned during the day and in the evening.</p> <p>Raymond Central Schools will follow all current and updated guidelines from the CDC and local health departments.</p>

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Masks	<p>Mask requirements will be based on the COVID-19 dial. When the dial indicates a threat level of green, masks are optional for both students and staff. When the threat level is yellow, students are encouraged to wear masks and may be required when appropriate/needed such as during small groups, one on one instruction, etc, and/or for the safety of students and/or staff due to unforeseen circumstances. When the threat level is orange, masks will be required for both students and staff. Masks will be required for all students and staff who are riding a school vehicle.</p> <p>Raymond Central Schools has ordered two cloth masks for every staff member and student. Students and staff are encouraged to wash their mask often to ensure safety for themselves and others. In the event of a forgotten mask, the district will have disposable masks available.</p> <p>Medical/behavioral exceptions and short term exceptions for instructional need will be followed. Face shields will also be available for use when appropriate.</p>
Pre Screening at Home	<p>Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to screen children at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms. Staff will self-screen at home for temperature, runny nose, cough, and other symptoms. If a person has any symptoms, he/she should not report to school.</p> <p>Click here to view the home screening protocol.</p>
Bussing	<p>Students will be assigned a specific seat, prioritizing students sitting together from the same household. All students must wear masks and sanitize their hands before boarding school transportation. Surfaces and seats will be wiped down between routes.</p>
Water Fountains	<p>The district will not allow the use of drinking fountains when the risk dial is yellow or higher. Touchless hydration stations will still be able to be used on each school site. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own clear bottle for water only. Water bottles will also be made available by the school.</p>
Cafeteria	<p>Social distancing required, no matter what space is being used. Students will wash/sanitize their hands before and after eating. Students will have assigned seats in the cafeteria and will eat with the same cohort of students each day. Lunch times will be spread out due to increased distancing. No salad bar or buffet style meals will be provided. Students will not be allowed to serve themselves.</p>

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Passing Periods	Passing times will be staggered to increase required social distancing. Students will not be allowed to loiter in hallways or by lockers. Specific action steps will be developed at each building site.
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Levels of Attendance: (0% in school, 50% in school, 100% in school)

Raymond Central Public Schools is starting school under the current calendar, however, there may be a time during the school year when directed health measures will need to be followed.

0% in School - Red (100% Remote): If need be, Raymond Central will utilize the remote learning platform created during the 2019-2020 school year. Feedback was collected from students, parents/guardians and staff members and used to improve the plan for 2020-2021. The district understands this is not an ideal situation for multiple reasons. This solution also creates obstacles in establishing routines and transitions as well as gathering baseline data on students. All school sites would be closed to all stakeholders except for essential personnel.

50% in School - High Orange: This level of attendance would require combining 100% attendance and 0% attendance. If required by government or health officials, Raymond Central Schools would create an A/B schedule to allow for 50% of grade levels to attend school on an every other day rotation. Any day students are not at school, they would be working remotely from home. All students would be working remotely 3 days per week and in school for two days. 50% building capacity would allow each building site to socially distance students to a greater degree than at 100% capacity.

100% Capacity in School - Low to Mid Orange, Yellow and Green: Our goal as a district is to start and end with all students and staff returning to school. Coupled with health and sanitation practices, the risk level for both staff and students will be minimized. This plan is preferred if health and sanitation protocols can augment the physical presence of students and staff at school..

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Communication Loop

Communication is important for the development and implementation of the district's reopening plan. Raymond Central has worked hard to develop a strong partnership by working in collaboration with state and local officials (to the extent possible) to create a reopening plan to open and operate schools while adjusting to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community. Our goal has been to develop a plan that prioritizes the health, safety, and wellness of students, families, and educators while considering the many issues that COVID-19 presents to bring students and staff back for the start of the 2020/21 school year. For this plan to be implemented with fidelity, school officials are requesting the development of shared information protocol and routine communication with county health officials throughout the current pandemic threat.

The current COVID-19 pandemic forced school districts to move to a remote learning model overnight. We believe that remote learning serves an immediate need but does not replace the multitude of instructional modalities children experience with their teachers, administrators, and support staff while attending school in a traditional setting. Transitioning back to students in a school setting five days a week will take the collaboration of local and state officials along with educational leaders to ensure families feel proper measures have been developed and instituted creating a safe and healthy environment for all children. The same can be said of those who care for and educate all students.

Raymond Central Public Schools has worked in collaboration with county health officials to develop a shared information protocol along with a routine communication schedule for the duration of the current COVID-19 pandemic. It would be our hope that as we come together as a district to sustain a 100% capacity that we create a communication loop between school districts and health departments so that we can:

- a) Keep students, staff, and families safe,
- b) Refine communication and response when a positive case presents itself in a school, and
- c) Provide a data collection process so school districts can provide information to health officials allowing for the development of a collaborative categorization of the health status (Red, Orange, Yellow, Green) in our community which can be easily communicated.
- d) When determined to be severe the district will look at either 50% attendance or 0% attendance at school sites.

Below is a chart of actions that schools could potentially take based upon the health department's recommended 'COVID-19 Risk Dial' level.

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Topic	High	Moderate	Low
Masks / Facial Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Require students and staff to wear masks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students students are encouraged to wear masks and may be required when appropriate/needed such as during small groups, one on one instruction, etc, and/or for the safety of students and/or staff due to unforeseen circumstances -Staff are required to wear masks **If recommended by the LHD, masks may be required in yellow to lessen the likelihood of a full class quarantine** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No masks required -Students and staff may choose to wear masks
Pre Screen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strongly encouraged for parents/guardians temperature and symptom check at home. -All students who enter district transportation or classroom will have their temperature taken by a staff member (2 times per day when in orange) -Do not attend school/work if symptomatic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Taking temperature and symptom check at home -All students who enter district transportation or classroom will have their temperature taken by a staff member -Do not attend school/work if symptomatic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Taking temperature and symptom check at home -Do not attend school/work if symptomatic

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Travel Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Travel restrictions set by the County Health Officials -Possible District Travel Enforcement -Quarantine if out of state -No out of state professional travel for staff -No instate travel -Communicate possible travel with direct supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Travel restrictions set by the County Health Officials -Quarantine if out of state travel was to a "hot spot" -Communicate possible travel with direct supervisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Travel restrictions set by the County Health Officials -Communicate possible travel with direct supervisor
Hand Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use of sanitizer or soap/water entering and exiting district facilities and transportation including transitions to other classrooms/spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use of sanitizer or soap/water entering and exiting district facilities and transportation including other classrooms/spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No hand sanitizer or soap/water required entering and exiting facilities/vehicles/classroom, however, continuing the practice will be emphasized
Student Desks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cleaned between classes by students entering their seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cleaned between classes by students entering their seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cleaned as part of the daily regimen
Passing Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staggered passing periods with social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staggered passing periods with social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Regular Passing Period with social distancing

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Bussing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mask required -Busses cleaned between routes -Assigned seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required -Busses cleaned between routes -Assigned seats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Masks optional -Assigned seats
Cafeteria/ Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sanitize hands upon entering cafeteria and exiting cafeteria line or designated eating area -Adjust lunch periods -Social distance tables -Possible bag lunches with options to eat in other locations including classrooms -Possible outside time during/after lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sanitize hands upon entering cafeteria line -Adjust lunch periods -Social distance tables -Possible outside time during/after lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sanitize hands upon entering cafeteria line
Arrival at School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staggered arrival -Straight to first period classes -Masks required as enter building -Sanitize hands as students walk in the building -Parents/Guardians restricted from entering school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8 AM, then students must report first period class/class -Sanitize hands as students walk in the building -Parents/Guardians access must be scheduled and will be restricted to essential needs only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No staggered arrival required -Sanitize hands as students walk in the building
Dismissal from School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staggered dismissal -Sanitize hands as exiting school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Staggered dismissal -Sanitize hands as exiting school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No requirements

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Cleaning During Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clean door knobs, handles, rails, (touch surfaces) wipe down surfaces 3 times per day -Restrooms cleaned at least once during the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clean door knobs, handles, rails, (touch surfaces) wipe down surfaces 2 times per day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clean door knobs, handles, rails, (touch surfaces) wipe down surfaces 2 times per day
Cleaning Overnight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restrooms -Clean high touch surfaces such as door knobs, handles, wipe down surfaces -Other Standard district cleaning procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restrooms -Clean high touch services such as door knobs, handles, wipe down surfaces -Other Standard district cleaning procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restrooms -Clean high touch surfaces such as door knobs, handles, wipe down surfaces -Other Standard district cleaning procedures
Co/Extra Curricular	-Following NSAA Guidance	-Following NSAA Guidance	-Follow NSAA Guidelines
Drinking Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No mouth use of faucets -Students and staff may bring own water bottle -Hydration stations available for use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No mouth use of faucets -Students and staff may bring own water bottle - Hydration stations available for use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Drinking fountains open for use
Vending Machines	-Closed	-Open/clean touch surfaces 2 times a day	-Open/clean touch surfaces 2 times a day

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Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No outside visitors on campus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Essential visitors only -Must be scheduled in advance with the office -Screening visitors required -Visitors will be required to wear masks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Standard district protocol -Screening visitors required
Teacher Workroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social distancing -Table cleaned before sitting -Encourage eating in room -Sanitize hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social distancing -Table cleaned before sitting -Encourage eating in room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social distancing -Table cleaned before sitting -Encourage eating in room
Playgrounds or Outdoor Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Playground closed -Outside visits canceled with virtual opportunities developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Playground usage and outdoor activities limited to school hours only, social distancing and cleaning procedures established -Signage posted with warnings and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Playground usage and outdoor activities allowed

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Conclusion

In the end, Raymond Central Public Schools must come together and work for the common good to successfully open and sustain face-to-face instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. We are in this together as a team and will take the necessary precautions to keep our students and staff healthy and safe. Thank you students, staff, and families for your cooperation, understanding & support as we pull together to overcome the challenges we'll surely face #RCJourney

As a reminder, the Raymond Central Schools reopening plan is based on the Lancaster County COVID-19 threat dial and will be updated accordingly as the health department analyzes data to make changes to the dial.