



RICHARD MILBURN ACADEMY
RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN
2021-2022



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INTRODUCTION

RMA Texas Public Schools is excited to welcome students to campus this school year. RMA is committed to putting the health and safety of students and staff as top priority. We are focusing our efforts in providing an excellent educational experience to support student's social, emotional, and academic growth.

COMMUNICATION

COVID-19 Response Team will consist of, but not limited to:

- Campus Principal
- Executive Director of Technology, Grants, & Expansions
 - ctanton@rma-tx.org
 - 210-240-7600
- Director of Academics
 - ugivens@rma-tx.org
 - 281-513-5109
- Human Resources Specialist
 - caverill@rma-tx.org
 - 830-557-6181
- Director of Community Outreach, Communications, & Marketing
 - rlarose@rma-tx.org
 - 210-429-4675
- Superintendent
 - aanderson@rma-tx.org
 - 210-400-6897

You may email all the above using the [RMA COVID19 Response Team](#) group.

- rmacovid19responseteam@rma-tx.org

Health and Safety Signage

- RMA-Branded signage will be added to exterior and interior locations to advise new health protocols. Signage topics include:
 - Mask-Recommended
 - Prevention best-practices
 - DO NOT ENTER if experiencing listed symptoms
 - Proper Mask Wearing
 - Current Maximum Occupancy

- 6-Foot Distancing Required
- Proper Hand Washing
- “Stop the Spread of Germs” -*CDC public domain*

Methods of Communication between Staff and Families

- SchoolMessenger.com – Direct mass-communication to contacts of our families in our System of Record, WebSmart
 - Mass-Email
 - Mass-Text
 - Automated Phone Call
- Online Posting – Public-facing Announcements and Updates
 - Facebook.com/RMA schools
 - RMAschools.com (especially *RMAschools.org/COVID-19*)
- SurveyMonkey.com – Creation, distribution and analysis of interactive surveys to gather feedback as needed.
- RingCentral – VoIP cloud-based communications and collaboration solution for staff-to-student direct communication

RISK MANAGEMENT

Cleaning, Sanitizing, & Disinfecting

RMA is dedicated to creating a safe, clean, and effective space for students and staff. RMA will follow the CDC recommendations for disinfectants, which are proven to kill viruses like COVID-19, as well as others. RMA will use products certified by the EPA. RMA will continue with frequent disinfection and sanitation of all facilities.

Arrival/Dismissal/Transitions

One main entry point will be established for arrival. Traffic patterns will be established throughout the campus that help social distance students to the greatest extent possible. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at the entry point and throughout hallways to encourage the use of hand sanitizer throughout the school day. When possible, multiple exit points will be established.

Personal Protective Equipment

On May, 18, 2021, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order NO, GA-36, relating to the prohibition of governmental entities and officials from mandating face coverings or restricting activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Per the order,



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 18, 2021

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The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

Executive Order No. GA-36 relating to the prohibition of governmental entities and officials from mandating face coverings or restricting activities in response to the COVID-19 disaster.

The original executive order is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor
GSD/gsd

Attachment

On June 4, 2021, the Texas Education Agency issued the Public Health Guidance for schools. Per the guidance,

Health and Hygiene Practices: Masks

Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-36 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other authority to require protective equipment, including masks, in an employment setting is not necessarily affected by GA-36.

School systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

To comply with the Governor's Executive Order and with the TEA guidance, RMA has suspended the mask requirement but instead we highly recommend the wearing of masks. We are unwavering in the belief that our health and safety protocols have been the key to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community. We will continue to operate under the latest recommendations from the CDC, and local and state health authorities, to keep our school community safe.

Self-Screenings

Students and staff are asked to complete a self-screening assessment before leaving home. Symptoms to look for are cough, sore throat, fever or chills, diarrhea, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, temperature of 100.0°F or higher. If a student or staff shows symptoms, the student or staff should not attend school or immediately be sent home.

Social Distancing

Students will be encouraged to practice social distancing (at least 3 feet) when spacing is allowed. All classrooms will be stocked with hand sanitizer and disinfecting spray.

Visitors

RMA will continue visitor security check protocols. If a visitor needs access inside the building/hallways, a COVID-19 Safety Check will be performed.

COVID-19 Confirmed/Exposure Protocols

Confirmed or Suspected Diagnosis

- Students or staff with a confirmed case must not report to campus.
- Parent/guardian of ill student or an ill staff member must report staff having confirmed diagnosis to campus or department administrator.
- In the case of a student or staff member who is symptomatic and is diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school/work when the conditions below have been met:
 - At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery, no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
 - has improved symptoms;
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- In the case of an individual that is asymptomatic but has received a positive COVID-19 test result, the individual may not return to the campus until the same three-step set of criteria listed above.
- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the student or staff is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

COVID-19 Case Exposure

If a test-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified and that individual was physically present in the school building or on school premises, contact tracing to assess exposure of individuals that were near the positive case will be immediately conducted by the school principal.

- Who needs to quarantine (per the CDC)?
 - People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19—**excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the past 3 months or who are fully vaccinated.**
- Close contact defined as:
 - You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
 - You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
 - You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
 - You shared eating or drinking utensils
 - They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you
- Student or staff member who has had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient must report to campus or department administrator.
- If it is determined that a staff member or student was in close contact with someone who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the stay-at-home period can be 10 days after the last close contact, so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14 or 7 days after the last close contact, after receiving a negative test result from a test administered at least 5 days after the last close contact, so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14
- **People with recent exposure may NOT need to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:**
 - People who have been fully vaccinated
 - 2 weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series or 2 weeks after a single dose.
 - People who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 3 months and do not show or develop new symptoms.

Campus Principal will immediately notify the COVID-19 Response Team

1. Call the Executive Director of Operations to provide details of COVID-19 exposure to student or staff and determine if quarantine is necessary.
2. Email the RMA COVID-19 Response Team with details pertaining to staff or student COVID-19 exposure to allow appropriate departments to follow-up on situation.

READINESS

In-Person Instruction

All RMA Campuses will be conducted in person. Students will attend school in person, five days a week. Classroom teachers will provide direct instruction and will no longer support both face to face and virtual students simultaneously. Instruction will consist of direct teach, Edgenuity, and Canvas.

RMA will evaluate students and provide an intervention plan to address learning loss that may have occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. RMA will utilize the Response to Interventions (RTI) Process, a form of supplemental instructions provided in tiers. Students' progress is closely monitored at each stage of intervention to determine the need for further research-based instruction and/or intervention in general education, in special education, or both.

Special Programs

Students in specialized programs, including but not limited to: special education, 504, Dyslexia, and ESL, will receive information related to their program once individualized plans are finalized. Individual education plans, accommodations, and modifications will be followed in face-to-face and remote settings.

Social Emotional Support

RMA has partnered with Student Assistance Programs & Training Services LLC. will implement a Student Mental Health Assistance Program to provide students with confidential, brief therapy for mental health and personal issues. The program will operate 24 hours, 365 days with prompt, live, clinical responses to students, parents, or school officials for crisis intervention.

Meals

RMA will comply with child nutrition guidelines set by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Breakfast will be provided for all AM students. Students will use hand sanitizer before receiving breakfast.

Sources

Texas Education Agency

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

The Texas Department of State Health Services

<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>

Texas School Safety Center

<https://locker.txssc.txstate.edu/b47c4bb8ed91d47c879cc579e5420660>