



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan & Continuity of Services Plan

2022 – 2023

“What We Do Here, Matters”

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

The Ramirez Common School District community prides itself in having provided a safe learning environment during the 2022-2023 school year. Through the combined efforts of our school community, guidance from local health authorities and Duval County officials, we were able to mitigate the risk and ensure the health and safety of all students and staff.

Through the combined efforts of all involved, strategies implemented during the 2022-2023 school year resulted in one report of COVID-19. RCSD continues to monitor county and state reported rates, refer to CDC guidance, RCSD COVID-19 2022-23 Handbook and confer with Duval County officials regarding COVID-19 protocols and mitigation strategies. Through the consistent implementation of such, RCSD can continue to assure health and safety.

In maintaining Governor Greg Abbott's executive order(s), Ramirez CSD returned to full in-person (face-to-face) instruction in the Fall of 2021. With the continued support of students, staff, parents and community, Ramirez CSD continues to implement mitigation strategies that are proven effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, Ramirez CSD continues to request the support of our parents to assist in the following manner:

HEALTH & HYGIENE

Facemasks

Though public school districts may not mandate use of facemasks for students, staff or visitors, Ramirez CSD strongly encourages use of such regardless of vaccination status. The CDC continues to stress that use of a facemask is an effective measure for mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Sanitizing & Disinfecting

Ramirez CSD continues to encourage all students and staff to sanitize routinely throughout the day. The school will provide sanitizing stations in common areas to further ensure learning environments are clean and disinfected.

- The campus will have hand sanitizer available at each entrance and strategically situate sanitizing stations in high-traffic, common areas so that these are easily accessible and readily available for use by students, staff and visitors.
- The school will seek opportunities to educate students about good handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette.

- Thorough cleaning practices will continue as this has been an effective measure in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
- Students will be encouraged to clean their learning space(s) in a way that is safe and appropriate.
- Arrangements to clean high-traffic, common areas will remain in place and performed on a daily basis.
- Adherence to CDC guidance will remain in effect in an effort to assure a clean and safe learning environment. Products for cleaning and disinfecting will be stored in a safe place, out of the reach of students and all necessary precautions will be taken to avoid access to unauthorized individuals.

Respiratory Etiquette

Students, staff and visitors will be encouraged to observe good respiratory etiquette. This includes: covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue and/or elbow. Handwashing with soap and water and/or hand sanitizer will also be integral to maintaining clean practices. The district will provide guidance on this observance as well as supplies to reinforce (i.e., soap, hand sanitizer, tissue, etc.).

Cleaning & Disinfecting Protocols

The District has adopted practices to effectively and routinely address high-traffic, high-touch surfaces or as deemed necessary. Maintenance staff has been instructed to clean and disinfect surfaces frequently touched by multiple people throughout the day (i.e., light switches, desktops, door handles, walls, etc.). Staff will also maintain a clean workspace by cleaning and disinfecting daily. The District has continued to order for window unit coils to be thoroughly cleaned to improve air quality.

Ventilation/Air Quality

Semi Annually cleaning of window unit coils will also be scheduled as an added measure to improve air quality.

Contact Tracing & Quarantine

The District will conduct contact tracing and enforce quarantine protocols as recommended by the CDC and the RCSD COVID-19 2022-23 Handbook in the event of a positive case. Protocols will be reflective of CDC and TEA guidance. When a person is identified to be in 'close contact' or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, Ramirez CSD will refer to protocols, RCSD COVID-19 2022-23 Handbook, including quarantine and dependent on individual case circumstances. The District will continue to work closely with Duval County officials to quickly identify and isolate positive individuals.

Awareness of Availability of Vaccines

Ramirez CSD will work closely with Duval County officials and participate in community vaccination clinics as coordinated by neighboring school districts. Awareness by means of providing information to the community will be disseminated as soon as it becomes available.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities will continue to receive accommodations as determined by their ARD and 504 committee, respectively.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Before Arriving to School

Parents are asked to perform a preliminary COVID-19 and general health screening of their child(ren) before departing for school. When evaluating their child(ren), consider the following:

Has the child(ren) recently begun experiencing the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Fever or temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Nausea or vomiting

In the event a student tests positive for COVID-19, or is informed by health care provider that they are presumed positive, the parent or guardian should inform Superintendent Gloria Hamill and follow the COVID-19 Handbook protocol for the 2022-2023 school year.

Transportation (Arrival & Dismissal)

Buses will be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis after each route is completed.

Cafeteria Operations

Students will be instructed to handwash and sanitize before and after meal times. Practices to minimize and prevent risk will continue to be implemented.

Revised December 7, 2022

Continuity of Services

Ramirez CSD will continue to implement procedures to assure continuity of services. Areas addressed will include: student academic achievement, social, emotional and mental health. In the District's efforts to fulfill these goals, the following services will be provided: one-to-one electronic device(s), assessment services, social/emotional services, classroom libraries, support via instructional/SEL software. In addition, students with special needs will continue to have access to their specialized instruction, related services, modifications/accommodations as outlined in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Child Nutrition Services will continue to provide nutritious meals to all students during the school year. Providing a safe learning environment for in-person instruction will provide students with the critical academic and socio-emotional support needed to deliver high-quality instruction. Our goal is to continue in-person learning while making for safe and healthy learning environments. Safety and good health is of utmost importance to us and we strive to do as much in those moments you share your child(ren) with us.