

Dear Riverside Families,

This message will provide you with details about Riverside Academy High School COVID-19 Reopening Safety Plan.

Please read this message thoroughly as it contains important points about our Reopening Plan.

Throughout the coming school year, we need to be able to move fluidly between three learning models in-person, hybrid and remote - depending on regional health data.

Families who don't want to return to in person or hybrid instruction can opt-out to the Full-Time Remote Instructional Model. Please follow the link

<https://www.buffaloschools.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=375>

For any in-person or hybrid attendance, the Reopening Plan outlines comprehensive health and safety precautions that will be implemented including but not limited to health screenings, social distancing/barriers, cleaning and disinfection, mask coverings, and hygiene guidelines. Please review the plan for more information in these areas located on the district website.

## **Instructional Models**

We have developed three instructional models. The Reopening Plan includes information about each instructional model.

### **1. In-Person Instructional Model**

Parents who opted in for in-person instruction in December 2020 after being surveyed. Students will attend school for a full day, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students follow their regular academic schedule with established precautions for maintaining health and safety. In-person instruction still encourages social distancing and limitations on large group and social gatherings to allow for the prioritization of student and staff health and safety. We will continue to monitor public health indicators and adjust strategies to mitigate community spread.

### **2. Hybrid Instructional Model**

The Hybrid Instructional Model will be used to reduce the student population by approximately 50% and allow for social distancing (i.e., 6 feet and barriers). Students are divided into two cohorts- A and B- and attend school in person two days a week on an alternate day schedule. This plan is available for Senior students only.

### **3. Full-Time Remote Instructional Model**

This model is for any family member who was not selected for in-person instruction past January 8, 2021. Students will remain 100% in remote learning through the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.

In the event of a school or district closure, students will not attend school in the physical building. All teaching and learning will take place remotely through synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) instruction.

### **Transportation**

If families are choosing to transport students to and from school every day instead of riding the bus, please respond to the letter sent by our Transportation Office. <https://www.buffaloschools.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=384>. Our intent is to capture the number of families eligible for busing that have already decided they will not use district transportation this year.

### **Protective face coverings**

Masks are mandatory for all students and staff in our building. Masks will be worn while riding on the school bus, during transitions in hallways and in common areas, entering and exiting the building, and in class during instruction. Mask breaks will be scheduled throughout the day and masks will not be required at lunch or snack time. Please begin to prepare your child to wear a mask by finding one that fits comfortably and practice having your child wear it.

We have endured this pandemic together and we will emerge from it stronger than before. But we are not through it yet. So please know that in these unprecedented times, we are committed to the **health and safety** of all our stakeholders and we will do everything in our power to work towards that end.

We will always be here to support our Riverside students, families and community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us to help you with anything you need.

Educationally yours.

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