

Reavis High School - District 220

Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

2021-22 School Year



INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

On May 13, 2021, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) passed a resolution that schools must resume full in-person instruction/learning for all student attendance days for the 2021/22 school year.

On July 27 & 28, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), and the Stickney Township Health Center fully adopted the National Center of Disease Control (CDC) guidance.

Until the guidance changes or is modified, **Reavis High School - District 220** will also adopt the CDC & IDPH guidance for the 2021/22 school year. When the school year begins on Tuesday, August 17th, the district will adhere to the following:

VACCINATIONS

- Vaccinations continue to be readily available for any student, parent, teacher, or staff member.
- Vaccinations remain the leading public health strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and we encourage everyone that is eligible to please highly consider getting the vaccine.
- If you or your student has not yet been vaccinated, but have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Stickney Township Health District and/or your family doctor.
- **Important Note:** Fully vaccinated individuals are NOT required to quarantine if they have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, as long as they are not showing symptoms.
- Reavis will continue to work with Stickney Township Health District to offer vaccinations to students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members. Stay tuned for further updates on upcoming vaccination dates and promotions here at the school.

MASKS

- Masks will be worn by ALL individuals (students, teachers, staff, parents, and visitors) while in the building, being transported in or on a school vehicle, including the school busses, and/or at any indoor school event.
- We understand that this is an inconvenience, especially for those who are fully vaccinated, but it has been proven that masking is highly effective to slow/stop the spread of the virus.
- Having everyone masked for at least the start of the school year, will help keep our students safe and in the building for in-person instruction.
- Students who are masked and are considered a close contact (within 3-6 feet of confirmed case) do NOT have to be quarantined as long as they do not display symptoms.
- If and when the guidance changes on masks, Reavis stands ready to change and modify with it.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Reavis will take every precaution necessary to maintain 3 feet of distance, when possible.
- Specifically, the District will take the following measures to adhere to this guidance:
 - Classroom furniture will be arranged to maintain physical distancing as best as possible.
 - Lunch Rooms will be expanded, including opening up our outside student courtyard on a daily basis.
 - Not having all-school assemblies indoors.
 - When having an all-class/grade meeting or assembly, staggering seating so physical distancing can be accomplished.
 - We will encourage students to not congregate in the hallways, so physical distancing can be adhered to as best as possible.

CONTACT TRACING & QUARANTINES

- Reavis will continue to work with Stickney Township Health Center to report positive cases for contact tracing and quarantine purposes, as recommended for exposed or ill individuals.
- Student and staff medical confidentiality will be maintained at all times.
- Reavis and Stickney Township Health Center will follow the quarantine guidelines set forth by IDPH.

HEALTH SCREENING

- Parents and students are responsible for their own daily symptoms check.
- It is highly recommended that students and staff stay home if they feel sick or have any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Parents should report their student's absence to the school immediately.
- COVID-19 symptoms include, but are not limited to, fever higher than 100.4 degrees, constant cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, sore throat, nausea, and loss of taste and/or smell.
- Any student displaying any of these symptoms while in school will be sent to the nurse's office immediately, parents will be contacted, and the student may be sent home.

TESTING

- Reavis may participate in an on-site COVID-19 testing program this school year.
- If this decision is made, we will communicate the plan with all of our parents, so we can receive their consent.

SCHOOL VENTILATION & DAILY CLEANING

- Improvements and enhancements have been made to our ventilation system, which will help reduce the concentration of any and all virus particles indoors.
- Proper cleaning and disinfection will be performed at least once a day which will help to reduce the presence of virus on any surface.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- Good respiratory and hand hygiene should be practiced by all individuals on a daily basis.
- This includes using masks properly while in the building, covering coughs and sneezes, frequent handwashing, and using hand sanitizer on a regular basis.
- Reavis has installed hand sanitizer stations in every classroom, as well as placed several portable ones in various parts of the building.

REQUEST OF REMOTE LEARNING SERVICES

- As per the ISBE Resolution and Guidelines, remote learning is not an option for all students this school year.
- Remote Learning will only be provided on a case-by-case basis and only under limited circumstances.
- If you feel your student needs to be considered for Remote Learning, please contact your student's guidance counselor ASAP.

REFERENCES

- ISBE Resolution for In-Person Instruction for the 2021/22 school year - May 13, 2021
 - [https://go.boarddocs.com/il/isbe/Board.nsf/files/C35QYL6B6317/\\$file/03.A%20In%20Person%20Learning%20Resolution%205-18-2021.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/il/isbe/Board.nsf/files/C35QYL6B6317/$file/03.A%20In%20Person%20Learning%20Resolution%205-18-2021.pdf)
- CDC & IDPH Guidelines and FAQs for K-12 Schools - July 27, 2021
 - <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/news/illinois-fully-aligns-new-cdc-masking-recommendations>
 - <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/schoolFAQs>
- CCPH Guidance for Schools - July 28, 2021
 - <https://cookcountypublichealth.org/2021/07/23/cook-county-department-of-public-health-guidance-for-suburban-cook-county-school-districts/>