



Resurrection Catholic Elementary School

COVID AND REOPENING PLAN 2020 - 2021

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Registration



Eagle Check-in

Registration will be conducted through the Business Office of Resurrection High School.

Families who intend to engage their children in distance learning will need to contact the principal of the Elementary Level to set up an appointment. Virtual learning will be an option offered for those who choose to participate.

If new to the campus, the following documents will need to be submitted when applying for admission into the Elementary level.

- 1). Immunization Records
- 2). Birth Certificate
- 3). Baptismal Certificate



Health and Wellness Awareness

All families must understand and agree to support RCES's safety protocol and must agree to keep children home when they are not feeling well, have COVID-19 like symptoms, or have potentially been exposed. This is to ensure that all parties are safe.

The Campus



Cleaning & Sanitation

Commonly touched areas will be disinfected throughout the campus multiple times per day. Desktops and chairs will be disinfected after each use. The school faculty, janitorial staff, and cafeteria staff are trained to carry out cleaning and sanitation protocols for the classrooms, restrooms, and playground equipment.

Disinfectant cleansers will be used every night in all classrooms, restrooms, offices, cafeteria, playground equipment, and on other common spaces. We will disinfect immediately if a student with possible COVID-19 symptoms visits the designated quarantine room.



Visitors

Campus visitors, including parents, will not be allowed on campus without a mask, and only in designated areas. Only RCES employees, students, and essential services (i.e. lunch crew, repair workers) will be allowed onto the RCES campus.

This temporary visitor initiative is challenging to everyone. However, it is a necessary sacrifice to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. This policy will be revised as soon as it is safe to do so.



Classroom Cubbies

Teachers and Aides will actively seek to ensure that all cubbies are sanitized at the end of the day.

Teachers will seek to ensure that students only bring materials to school that is necessary (ex. Lunchboxes, Backpacks, & outerwear, etc.)



Water Fountains

Water fountains will not be in use; however, students will bring bottle water or a water bottle with their name on it from home. Water filling stations will be made available in each hallway.



Hallways and Breezeways

Faculty will enforce social distancing practices in hallways and on breezeways. Signs posted and social distancing tape will mark where students will need to walk.



Quarantine Room

A quarantine room will be used if any student exhibits potential COVID-19 symptoms. This room will be in a safe space near the Principal's office, in order to limit any exposure until parents can be notified to pick up their child. After the child is picked up, the safe space will be thoroughly sanitized.

The School Day



Morning Drop-off & After School Pick-up

Teacher aides and office personnel will be present for the morning drop-off of students. Parents are to drive around to the front of the school using the designated areas for drop-off. This is the Quinn street entrance. Before students exit their cars, school personnel will take their temperatures to ensure

that the student does not have a fever. Parents will not leave their cars to walk students to the classrooms. Teachers will be present to ensure that students are socially distanced and properly taken to their designated area and classrooms.

Walk-ups will not be allowed unless the family lives close by and only to drop off the student to the designated area where a teacher or aide will be supervising and taking temperatures. All walk-ups will be required to wear a mask.

Pick-up during dismissal will follow similar protocol. Parents will drive up to the designated area and teachers will escort students to their cars. Parents will not be allowed to get out of their cars. This will ensure safety and to keep the traffic to a minimum.

School starts at 7:55 a.m. Students can be dropped off at 7:30 a.m. Dismissal time is at 2:35 p.m. We ask for your patience during dismissal. We will strive to have the students dismissed on time in order to cut down on traffic issues.



Breakfast and Lunch Services

Students can either bring their lunch from home or purchase the daily cafeteria lunch. Changes for K-3, K-4, and Kindergarten will be in effect place during the COVID-19 protocol. All K-3, K-4, & Kindergarten students will have their meals brought to their classrooms by the teacher aides and cafeteria staff. First grade through 6th grade will eat in the cafeteria in designated marked off seating. Classes will have a designated lunch time to eat so that social distancing will be adhered to. Table sanitation will be conducted after each lunch period and breakfast time.

Breakfast will be available starting at 7:30 a.m. and will end at 7:45 a.m. There will be a designated teacher stationed at morning drop-off that will take temperatures of those that will enter the cafeteria to eat breakfast. Strict monitoring of students in the cafeteria will be in place during lunch and breakfast times.



Recess & P.E.

Students will be allowed to participate in outdoor recess and P.E. (weather permitting). All playground equipment will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes after each class use. P.E. Classes will be conducted in the gym with social distancing guidelines in place.



Mass

All students will participate in Mass. There will only be one Mass a week. Mass will be on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. Social distancing will be in place for all classes attending. Parents will not be allowed at the weekly school Mass except when their child is lecturing or is participating in something special for the Mass (such as all Saint's Day). Special school wide Masses will be on hold until further notice.



Classroom Materials, Classroom Changes, & Masks

Students will avoid sharing materials (calculators, markers, pencils, devices, crayons, etc.) in the classroom as much as possible. There will be additional materials as needed to minimize sharing

RCES teachers have redesigned the layout of their classrooms to allow for social distance between students.

Teachers will wear masks in the classrooms while interacting with students. While teachers are giving instructions, and they are away from the designated distance from students, teachers may remove their masks in order to teach from the smartboards, podiums, or from their desks. No teacher will approach a student without a mask.

Students will wear mask in all common areas such as hallways, restrooms, or office trips. Students are not required to wear masks all day. However, if they choose to do so, this will be allowed.

Students masks colors that are acceptable will be white, blue, black, grey, or may have the RCES logo or small initials on them.



Technology Equipment

Computer equipment such as Chrome books or I-Pads will be cleaned between users.



After School Care

After school care will be offered. There will be designated personnel that will take the students temperatures before entering the after-school program. Students will be socially distanced in the cafeteria. The after-school program will start at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. School personnel will walk the student to the car.

Activities & Athletics



Clubs

RCES clubs such as the National Elementary Honor Society, Student Council, and Art club will be in process and will adhere to social distancing policies. Sponsors will enforce all social distancing protocols.



Athletics

We anticipate and hope to be able to offer competitive sports during the 2020 – 2021 school year. However, RCES will proceed with extreme caution and will follow strict guidelines for all Athletic participation.

Safety Guidelines



Hygiene & Temperature Screening

Students will be required to use hand sanitizer or foam sanitizer and will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently. Teachers will give lessons on proper hand washing. Every classroom will have a sanitizing station.

RCES will use an infrared forehead thermometer to take temperatures of each student every morning.



COVID-19 Symptoms on Campus

Per CDC recommendations and directives from the Diocese of Biloxi, any person exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be assumed to have COVID-19 and will be sent home immediately. COVID-19 symptoms currently included the recent onset of any of the following symptoms in a way not normal for the individual:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or body aches
- Diarrhea

***The parent(s) of any child exhibiting symptoms will be called right away ***



COVID-19 When to Stay Home

Students or employees who answer “yes” to any of the following questions may not attend school or be on campus:

- Had you had fever of 100.4 or higher during the past 24 hours?
- Do you have any signs of respiratory infection-cough, shortness of breath?
- Do you have any signs of illness-fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you been in close contact with anyone exhibiting the symptoms listed above within the past 14 days?
- Are you living with anyone who has been sick or has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19?



Positive COVID-19 Case in the RCES Community

Any student or employee who themselves either are lab confirmed to have COVID-19 or experience the symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home throughout the infection period and cannot return until all four of the following criteria are met:

1. If an individual tests positive for Covid-19, he or she must be quarantined for 14 days. He or she must stay home for 14 days and have three consecutive fever free days without fever-reducing

- medication before returning to school. Every student/school personnel within close contact will be notified and instructed to quarantine for 14 days. All students in class will be notified and may choose to quarantine for 14 days. The return to school verification form must be signed and returned before the student returns to school.
2. Any specific location within the school of the infected student/school personnel will be professionally deep cleaned for COVID-19 before students'/school personnel return to that specific location.
 3. If during the 14-day period another student/school personnel (in contact with original student/school personnel) tests positive for COVID-10, all classes in which the affected student(s)/school personnel attend, will move to virtual education for 14 days.
 4. If community spread is controlled, all students and teachers may return after 14 days' quarantine and 3 days with no fever. If not, expand quarantine as defined in step 3.

All families of RCES students will be informed of any positive exposure case and immediate notification will be sent via telephone, email, or text message about the exposure.

In case of a student that exhibits the signs of COVID-19 in the classroom, all students within a six-foot radius of the student in question, parents must be notified and those students must be sent home and tested to ensure that they are not infected. If the surrounding students are deemed negative by their health care facility, then the students will be allowed to come back to school with proper notification stating that the students are cleared to return to school.

Distance Learning & Learning from Home



Distance Learning

If parents choose to have their child participate in distance learning or learning from home, RCES will be using Microsoft Teams. This is a new platform that will be more user friendly for parents, teachers, and students. However, classroom guidelines must be adhered to when opting for this learning style. Parents must be in contact with the classroom teacher to learn and follow guidelines to help their child log-in and learn the process. Links for instruction will be posted on the RCES website for your convenience.

How to help from Home

Creating and maintaining a healthy campus environment is essential and is going to require everyone's support and participation. Families can teach these safety protocols from home.



Healthy Hygiene

Encourage frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer. Practice coughing and sneezing in the elbow and add daily temperature checks to your morning routine.



Preventive Health Practices

Continue regular doctor visits and child appointments. Keep immunizations and physicals current and encourage physical activity and time outside. Remember that immunizations must be current and on file at school prior to the first day.



Emotional Health

Help children feel emotionally safe by asking how they feel and giving them space to share and ask questions. Continue to reassure them that the adults in their lives are there to support their well-being, both physically and emotionally. Maintain a routine at home to provide stability.



Health Protocols

Visually show and practice keeping six feet apart. Make sure that the mask will fit your child's face. Practice wearing a mask and handling and putting it on by the ear straps.

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