



Rochester Area School District
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January 11, 2022

Dear RASD Community,

At the recommendation of the Administration, the Board of School Directors agreed to re-implement mandatory face coverings while in all RASD K-12 facilities, effective immediately. Please know that while we respect our community's values and beliefs, we have seen a tremendous increase in the number of students and staff testing positive and therefore, being required to isolate. In an effort to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus and to keep our students and staff safe, we believe it is in our best interest to move in this direction.

Face coverings are required during all events including educational, extracurricular, athletic, dances, etc. (Please refer to our COVID Protocol Updates, dated January 11, 2022 and located on the reverse of this letter, for more information.)

As always, our goal is to maintain a safe and healthy educational environment while continuing to keep our doors open for face-to-face in-person instruction. At this time, requiring masks is necessary to achieve this goal.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these ever-changing circumstances.

Sincerely,

Jane W. Bovalino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

ROCHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID Protocol Updates

Effective January 11, 2022

In an effort to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19, effective immediately, the RASD has implemented the following protocols:

Masks

- Face coverings are required throughout the RASD K-12 facility, when in common spaces and classrooms.
- Students and staff are not required to wear masks when engaging in physical activity.
- Students and staff may remove masks during meal times; however, they should re-mask when finished eating.

Social Distancing

- Social distancing, to the maximum extent possible, is recommended.
- For classrooms and instructional spaces, students should be at least 3 - 6 feet apart.

COVID Protocol and Contact Tracing

- The district will continue to require isolation and quarantine based on the CDC and PA DOH guidance. Please refer to our website (www.rasd.org) for the most recent guidance.

Capacity Limitations

- No capacity limitations are in place at this time.

Concessions

- Concessions are permitted.