

# ROTHSAY PUBLIC SCHOOL – IN-PERSON SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 UPDATE

**Rothsay School plans to return to typical school operations and programming in 2021-22. This plan has been reviewed by our school board on August 2 and 9, 2021. This plan was developed with the safety, social, economic, financial, and political impact to students, staff, and community in mind.**

**The following information is guidance on how Rothsay Public School District plans to respond to a safe return to in-person learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2021-22 School Year.**

**Reopening school buildings for in-person instruction in a healthy and safe manner is our main priority for our students, staff, and community. Rothsay School plans to implement measures to slow and stop the virus from spreading – they are contained in this document. While masks are recommended for those ages 12 and under, they are not required at this time.**

**Goals for this Plan: 1. Safety of students and staff 2. Prioritize in-person learning as we believe this is the way our students learn best.**

## COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

- Parents and students will be notified of changes and other news within the school by JMC texts and parent/student emails.
- Major communication will be done by the same means.
- Provide parents with Summit contact information for mental health needs.

## FACE COVERINGS

- While recommended for those ages 12 and under, face coverings are **optional** within Rothsay School at this time.
- Face coverings are not optional and still **required on a school bus** per federal guidelines. This includes athletic buses as well.

## ROTHSAY SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

- HS students will eat in shifts with an “A” and a “B” lunch.
- Seating will be spread out in the lunchroom with a maximum of five to a table for high school students. Elementary students will sit in their grade “pods.”
- Students will be given a handwashing break (at a minimum) in the morning and afternoon.
- Students kept in same grade “pods” during classes, if possible.

- Students will be socially distanced (more than three feet apart), to the extent possible while remaining in regular classrooms.
- Elementary students will continue to be outside when weather permits during recess and before school.
- Ventilation systems will be run on a more frequent basis than what has taken place in the past.
- Students and staff will be screened each morning in their classrooms.
- Temperatures will be taken at lunch.

## **ROTHSAY SCHOOL STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Staff will continue to educate our students.
- Staff will screen themselves and students each morning.

## **ROTHSAY BUS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Each bus will be disinfected after each route.
- At this time, all who ride the bus must wear mask per federal guidelines.
- Students will have assigned seating.
- There will be no eating/drinking on the bus.

## **PARENT/STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Parents will screen their children prior to leaving for school. A list of screening questions will be given to parents at Open House night on August 23 or contact the office and a copy will be sent to you.
- Students will be kept at home when sick and/or exhibiting symptoms.
- Parents will have students tested when the child exhibits symptoms of COVID-19.
- Parents will remain outside the school at pick up and drop off times.
- Parents will communicate if their child has contracted Covid-19 and adhere to isolation and quarantine guidelines.
- Contact the school if you have an idea to help us improve our plan.
- Contact the school counselor or Summit if your child is experiencing mental health problems.

## **IN THE EVENT OF A COVID-19 CASE/EXPOSURE**

- Rothsay School will notify parents of exposed students in grades PreK-6. The school will follow the direction of the Department of Health and Wilkin County Public Health in reference to exposures and quarantining for grades PreK-6. Shortened quarantining will be available to those students who provide documentation of a negative COVID-19 test taken at least five days after the exposure date.
- Rothsay School will notify exposed students in grades 7-12 and provide them with voluntary quarantining information. Students will be excused from school if quarantine is chosen. Students cannot return to school until they are symptom-free if they have chosen not to quarantine.  
(September 24 update)

## **SPECIAL LEARNING SITUATIONS AND LUNCH**

- If a student is in a quarantining situation, Rothsay School will work with parents on a blended learning plan that must be approved by the principal.
- If a parent wishes to have a lunch for their child, notify the office by 10am and pick-up will be between 12:15 and 12:30 at the back of the school.
- If a student requests a blended learning plan – that plan must be approved by the principal and will involve some in-person activities. These requests will only be granted in extenuating circumstances.

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**WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY MONITOR OUR LOCAL COVID DATA TO DETERMINE STRATEGIES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**