

# **RCCSD Work Session**

**September 1, 2021**

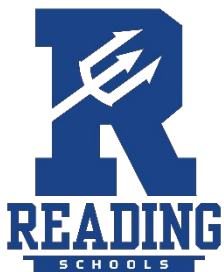


# **District Report**

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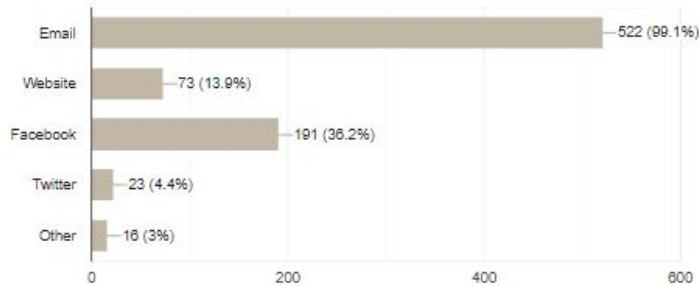
# RCCSD Opening Week Survey



# Survey Results

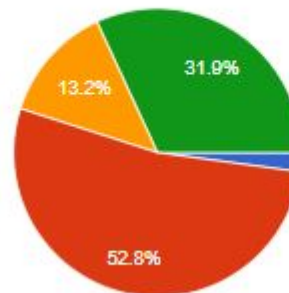
How do you most often receive news and information about the district or school? (check all that apply)

527 responses



How often do you visit the district website?

517 responses



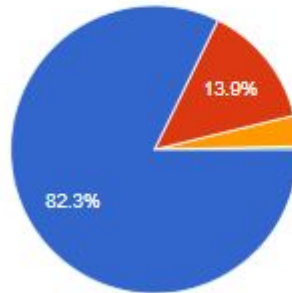
- Daily
- Once a week
- Multiple times a week
- I do not visit the district website



# Survey Results

Regarding district and building communication, (select one):

525 responses



- I am satisfied with the quality and frequency of information provided
- I do not receive enough information about important district/school topics
- I receive too many communications (district, building, teacher, athletics, etc)
- I have not received any communication from the district and/or building

## RES Results - 307 Responses

- Satisfied = 278 (90.6%)
- Too Many = 13 (4.2%)
- Not Enough = 15 (4.9%)
- None = 1 (0.3%)

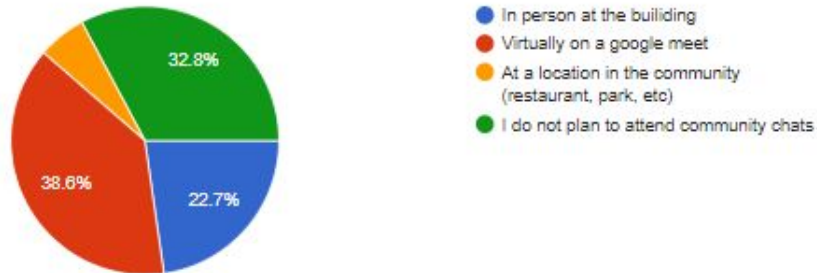
## RJSH Results - 278 Responses

- Satisfied = 228 (82%)
- Too Many = 13 (4.7%)
- Not Enough = 36 (13%)
- None = 1 (0.4%)

# Survey Results

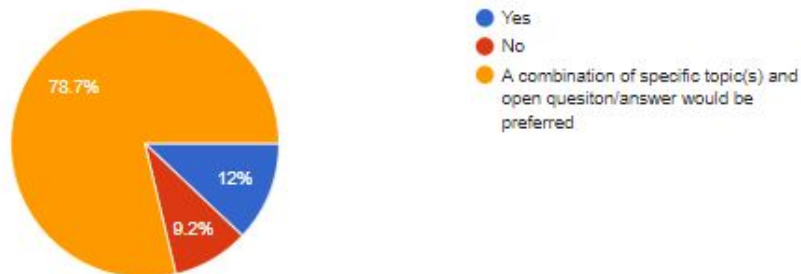
My preferred option to attend a Community Chat is (choose one):

515 responses



Community Chats have previously been open question/answer sessions without a designated topic for discussion. Would a specific agenda or guests to discuss district or building topics be preferred?

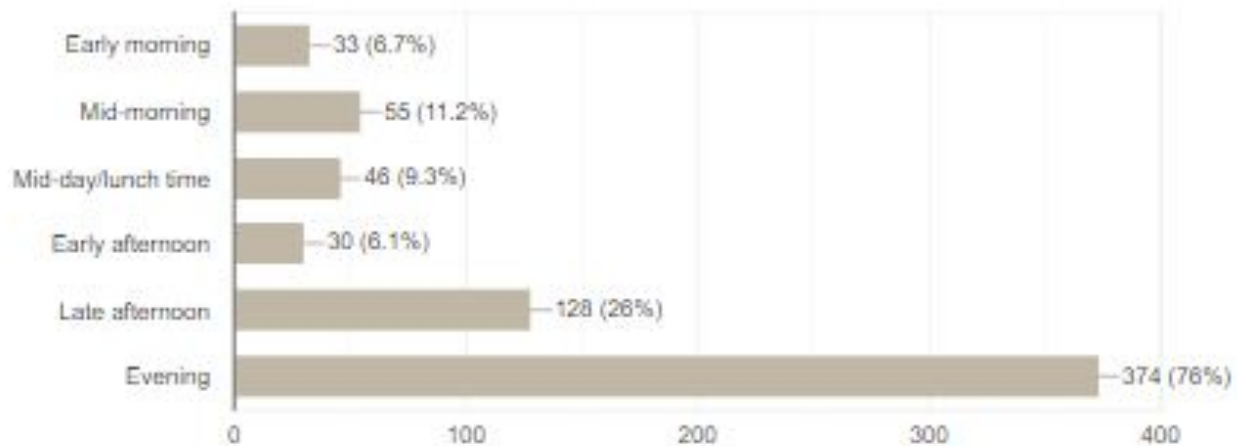
498 responses



# Survey Results

Community Chats are an opportunity to interact with the Superintendent and Treasurer, ask questions, and communicate issues or concerns. The best time of day to host these so that I can attend would be (check all that apply):

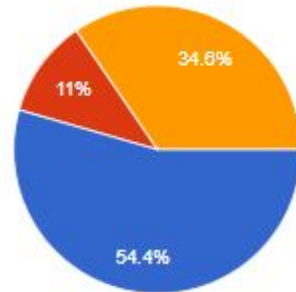
492 responses



# Survey Results

The Board of Education approved a mask-optional, but strongly recommended, policy to start the school year for all students and staff. At this time:

518 responses



- I agree that masks should be optional for students and staff at RCCSD
- I believe masks should be required for students under 12 (ineligible to receive a vaccine)
- I believe masks should be required for all students and staff

## RES Results - 341 Responses

- Optional = 191 (56%)
- Required = 114 (33.4%)
- Required (<12) = 36 (10.6%)

## RJSH Results - 278 Responses

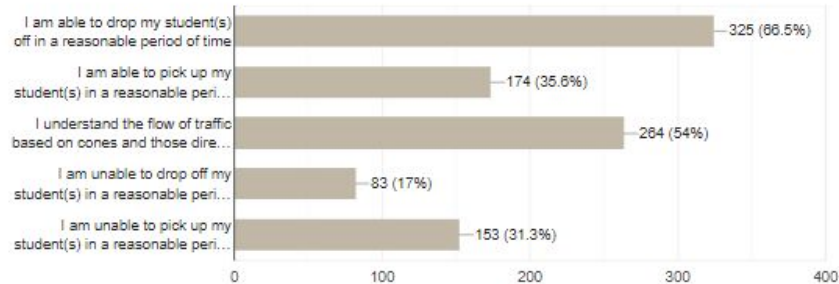
- Optional = 155 (54.6%)
- Required = 100 (35.2%)
- Required (<12) = 29 (10.2%)



# Survey Results

There are several factors that impact the arrival and dismissal process for RCCSD. These include: 1. Student enrollment nearing 1,700; 2. Traffic Signal; 3. Coordination with Mount Notre Dame school day; 4. Inability for civilians to direct traffic on city roadways; 5. Site layout for traffic and parking; 6. Length of school day for RJSH and RES. Based on these factors (select all that apply):

489 responses



RES Results = 336

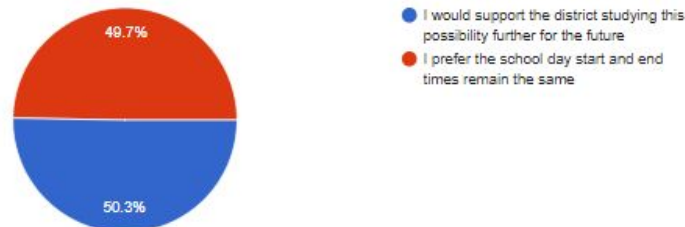
- Stay same = 169 (50.2%)
- Explore option = 167 (49.7%)

RJSH Results = 262

- Stay same = 145 (55.3%)
- Explore option = 117 (44.7%)

Another option to address the volume of traffic and limitations would include studying alternative arrival and dismissal times for RES. This would result in a later start and end to the school day. Regarding this option:

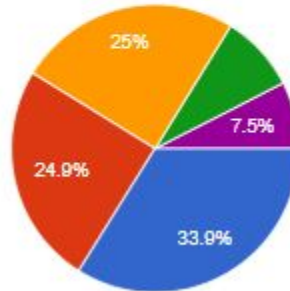
507 responses



# Survey Results

How confident are you in using Google Classroom, Grade Book, Google Meet, Google Calendar, and other digital district resources in supporting your student's learning at home?

519 responses

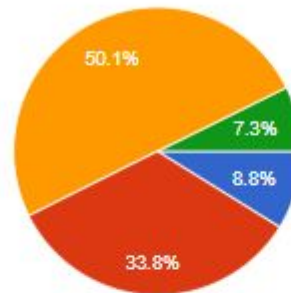


- Very Confident
- Confident
- Somewhat Confident
- Slightly Confident
- Not confident - need additional support

# Survey Results

Please rate your level of knowledge regarding the district financial status:

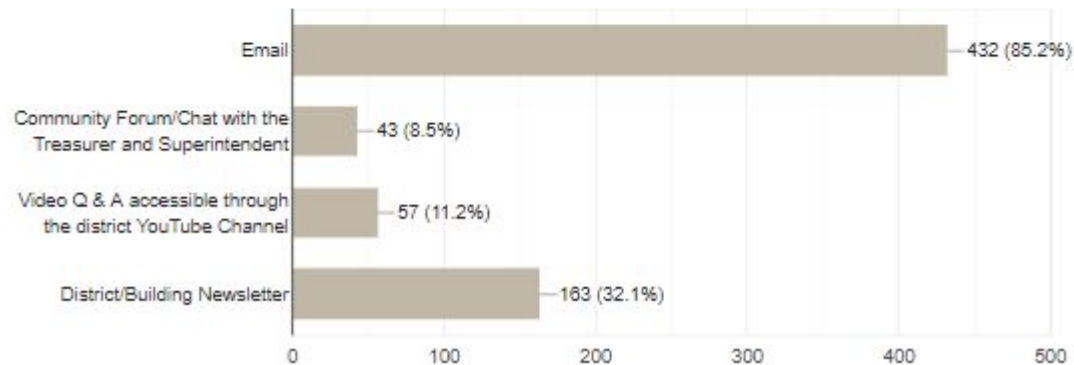
521 responses



- Very knowledgeable - I understand the need for additional revenue for RCCSD as stated in the five-year forecast
- Somewhat knowledgeable - I am aware of basic district financial information
- Unknowledgeable - I do not have any knowledge of the current district financial picture
- I am not concerned with the district financial status

I would prefer to receive district financial information in the following way(s):

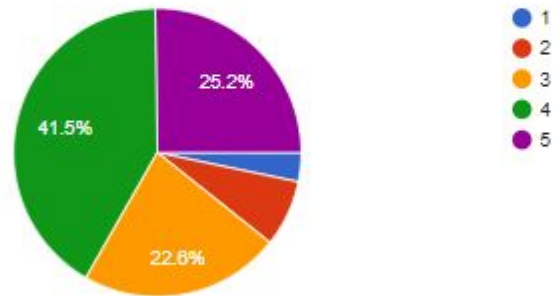
507 responses



# Survey Results

Please rate your overall level of satisfaction with the start of the 2021-2022 school year (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

523 responses



RES Responses = 340

- 1 = 9
- 2 = 29
- 3 = 85
- 4 = 138
- 5 = 79

RJSH Responses = 278

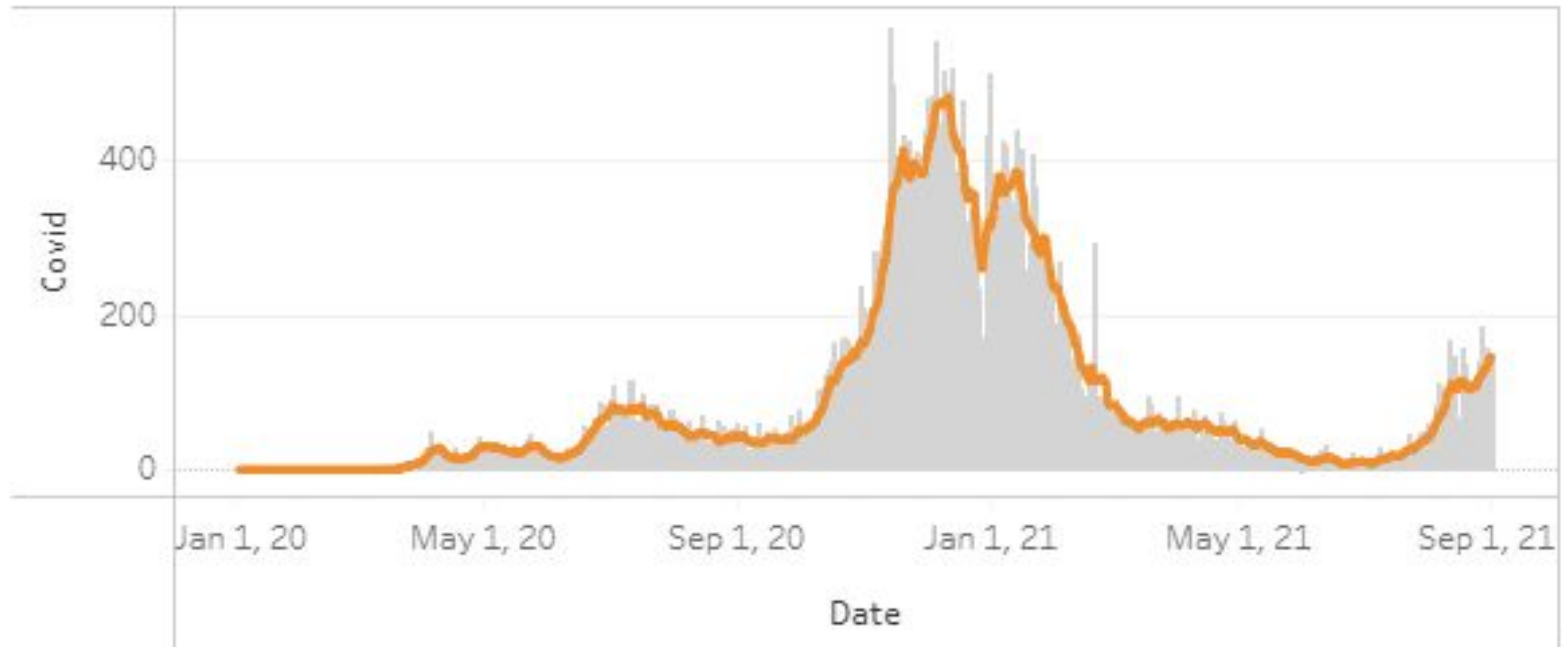
- 1 = 11
- 2 = 23
- 3 = 57
- 4 = 116
- 5 = 71

# COVID-19 Report



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HCPH Daily Cases

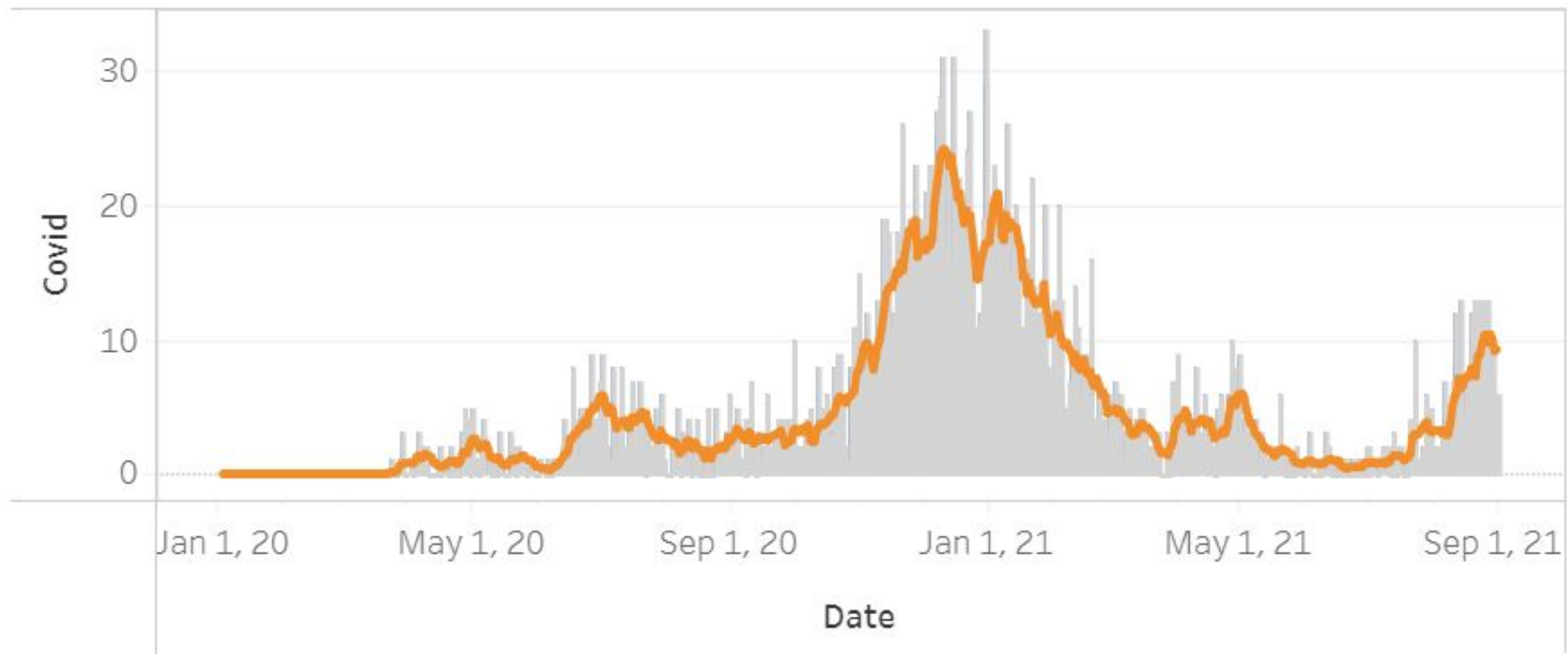


Hamilton County

Source: HCPH 9/1 <https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/>

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## HCPH Daily Cases



**Zip Code 45215**

Source: HCPH 9/1 <https://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/>

# COVID-19 Report

Hamilton County	8/13	8/20	8/27
Cases	**	4700	5300
Active Cases Per Day (7 day avg)	157	**	200
Positivity Rate	7.7%	8.9 - rising	9.4
Positivity Rate 12-17 year olds	**	13.8%	13.7%
Reproductive Rate	1.42	Approaching 1	1.03
COVID patients in hospital	216	306	353
COVID patients ICU	58	94	116
COVID patients on ventilator	27	**	**
COVID patients - Children's hospital	12	**	6
Vaccination % (eligible)	62%	64%	64%
Breakthrough Cases - Ohio	**	1.9%	2.06%
Breakthrough Cases resulting in death	**	0.97%	**
** Data not provided during weekly update			



Source: Weekly Superintendent meeting with HCPH and Dr. Feagins



# COVID-19 Protocols

## Health Department Authority for Quarantine, Ohio Revised Code

R.C. 3707.08 says:

*When a person known to have been exposed to a communicable disease declared quarantinable by the board of health of a city or general health district or the department of health is reported within its jurisdiction, the board shall at once restrict such person to his place of residence or other suitable place, prohibit entrance to or exit from such place without the board's written permission in such manner as to prevent effective contact with individuals not so exposed, and enforce such restrictive measures as are prescribed by the department.*

*When a person has, or is suspected of having, a communicable disease for which isolation is required by the board or the department, the board shall at once cause such person to be separated from susceptible persons in such places and under such circumstances as will prevent the conveyance of the infectious agents to susceptible persons, prohibit entrance to or exit from such places without the board's written permission, and enforce such restrictive measures as are prescribed by the department.*

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*No person isolated or quarantined by a board shall leave the premises to which he has been restricted without the written permission of such board until released from isolation or quarantine by it in accordance with the rules and regulations of the department.*



Source: Ohio Department of Health - Released 8/31

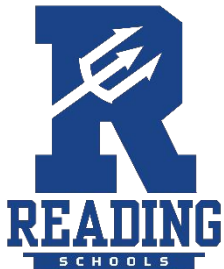
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R.C. 3707.11, which became effective on June 23, 2021, affirms the local health department's authority to issue an order of quarantine or isolation.

*A board of health of a city or general health district, or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, may only issue a quarantine or isolation order under this chapter that applies to individuals who have been medically diagnosed with the disease that is the subject of the order or individuals who have come in direct contact<sup>1</sup> with someone who has been medically diagnosed<sup>2</sup> with the disease that is the subject of the order.*

R.C. 3707.16 makes clear that quarantine persons are not permitted to attend public gatherings, with a specific mention of schools.

*No person isolated or quarantined for a communicable disease declared by the board of health of a city or general health district or the department of health to require isolation or quarantine shall attend any public, private, or parochial school or college, Sunday school, church, or any other public gathering, until released from isolation or quarantine by the board. All school principals, Sunday school superintendents, or other persons in charge of such schools or other gatherings shall exclude any such person until he presents a written permit of the board to attend.*

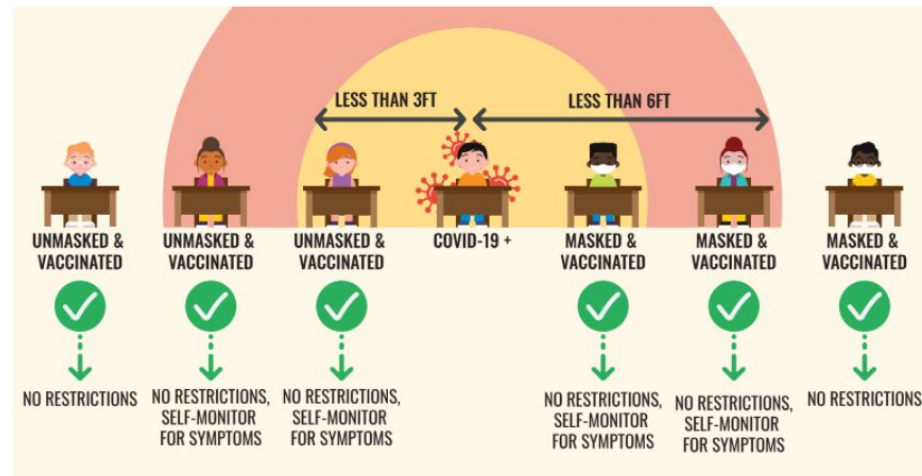
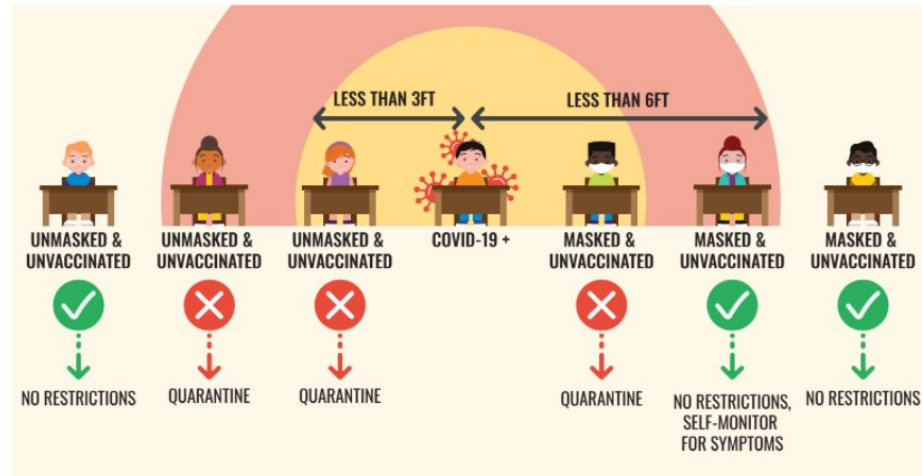


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# COVID-19 Protocols

## QUARANTINE FROM A CLASSROOM EXPOSURE



A POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19 WILL NEED TO ISOLATE REGARDLESS OF THEIR MASK USAGE OR VACCINATION STATUS.



PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.



UPDATED: AUGUST 26, 2021

# COVID-19 District Report

## Reading Community City School District COVID-19 Date Update August 18, 2021 – August 25, 2021

	Elementary	Jr/Sr High	District Totals
<b>Staff</b>	<b>1</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	<b>0</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	<b>1</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID
<b>Staff</b>	<b>9</b> # of confirmed close contact cases*	<b>0</b> # of confirmed close contact cases*	<b>9</b> # of confirmed close contact cases*
<b>Student</b>	<b>5</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	<b>0</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	<b>5</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID
<b>Student</b>	<b>28</b> # of quarantines	<b>10</b> # of quarantines	<b>38</b> # of quarantines

\*Staff members are considered essential workers and are not required to quarantine.





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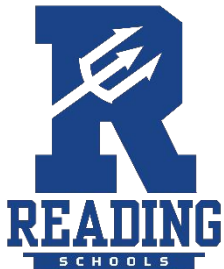
Reading Community City School District COVID-19 Date Update

August 26, 2021 – September 1, 2021

	Elementary	Jr/Sr High	District Totals
Staff	2 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	0 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	2 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID
Staff	9 # of confirmed close contact cases*	0 # of confirmed close contact cases*	9 # of confirmed close contact cases*
Student	11 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	5 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID	16 # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-ID
Student	68 # of quarantines	56 # of quarantines	124 # of quarantines

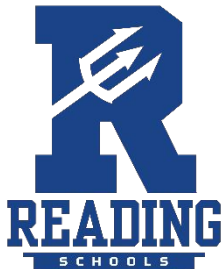
\*Staff members are considered essential workers and are not required to quarantine but required to wear a mask.

**\*\*Approximately 90% of reported quarantine cases are a result of school exposure**



# District Attendance Report 8/23-9/1

	8/23	8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/30	8/31	9/1
<b>Reading Primary</b>								
TOTAL	31	33	42	49	52	50	51	60
Medical	12	11	13	20	21	24	25	24
Quarantine	7	7	13	14	14	13	13	13
Other	12	15	16	15	17	13	13	23
<b>Reading Intermediate</b>								
TOTAL	43	51	59	56	68	85	88	89
Medical	17	16	18	18	22	45	35	22
Quarantine	12	20	21	21	21	15	31	38
Other	14	15	20	17	25	25	22	29
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	74	84	101	105	120	135	139	149
<b>Reading Jr/Sr High</b>								
Medical	25	29	35	37	46	72	60	51
Quarantine	7	7	8	14	14	39	41	48
Other	36	32	37	42	46	52	47	58
JR/SR HIGH TOTAL	68	68	80	93	106	163	148	157
DISTRICT TOTALS	142	152	181	198	226	298	287	306
<b>Medical - Personal Illness, Medical Reasons, Nurse Sent Home</b>								
<b>Quarantine - Positive COVID-19, Exposure to Positive COVID-19</b>								
<b>Other - No Reason Given for Absence, Vacation, Car-trouble</b>								



# Local District Mask Policy Comparison

Reading	Optional
Deer Park	Mandatory PK-12
Wyoming	Mandatory PK-12
Indian Hill	Mandatory PK-12
Finneytown	Mandatory PK-12
Three Rivers	Optional
Madeira	Mandatory PK-6; 7-12 Recommended
Mariemont	Mandatory PK-6; 7-12 Recommended
Lockland	Mandatory PK-12
Sycamore	Mandatory PK-6/Staff/Visitors; 7-12 Recommended
Mason	Mandatory PK-6; 7-12 Recommended
Lakota	Mandatory PK-12



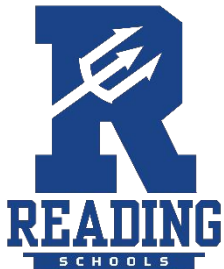
# COVID-19 Protocols and Impacts to RCCSD

## **Covid-19 Case Study**

- 1 positive RES staff member = 27 students quarantined
- 27 students x 1 school day = 170 hours of in-person learning lost
- 170 hours x 7 days (minimum) = 1,190 hours of in-person learning lost

**9/1 Daily Attendance = 99 students quarantined (\*as reported at the start of the school day)**

- 48 RJSH x 6.83 hours = 327.8 hours of in-person learning lost
- 51 RES x 6.33 hours = 322.8 hours of in-person learning lost

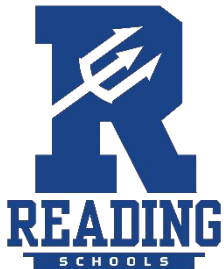




# COVID-19 Protocols and Impacts to RCCSD

## Contact Tracing Process

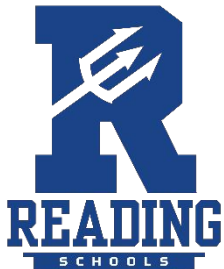
- Extremely time intensive
  - Classroom visits, seating charts
  - Phone calls to families
  - Disruption of classrooms/school day
  - Isolating students until picked up
- 1 positive case and take hours to complete
- Mandatory reporting to HCPH within 24 hours
- Mandatory notifications sent to families
- Notifications to staff



# COVID-19 Protocols

## Contact Tracing Process

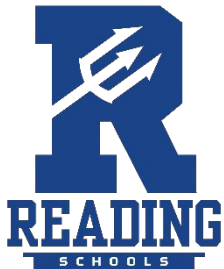
- Positive case identified
  - Communicate with parent to confirm and advise on isolation duration/date to return to school/activities
- Enter on Master Line List
- Determine close contacts
  - Seating charts
  - Determine spacing in classroom
  - Determine who is masked, vaccination status etc
  - Check attendance to ensure CC was present
  - Cafeteria 6 feet
  - Gym - all unmasked in PE class
  - Indoor recess
  - Sports - Notify AD
- Enter close contacts on Close Contact List
  - Full demographics
- Notify all parents and advise on quarantine status
  - 3 quarantine options - Determine date to return to school
  - Receive and upload vaccine card as indicated
- Notify Principal/Secretary/Teachers of students who will be out and date to return
- Send Master Line List and Close Contact List to HCPH
- Receive letters
  - School notification letter to D Davis to send to district
  - Send (email) Close Contact Letters to parents
    - Need to Quarantine
    - No Need to Quarantine



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## Instructional Impacts

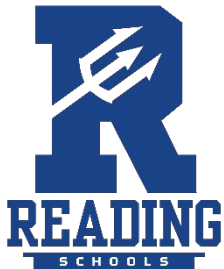
- Loss of school days (7-10 days; may be less depending on timeline of exposure)
- RJSH - transition to google meet
  - participation in class decrease
  - classroom/learning activities
  - collaboration with classmates
- RES - transition to google classroom/other learning platforms
  - loss of instructional time
  - classroom/learning activities
  - group work
  - online support begins 9/7



# COVID-19 Protocols and Impacts to RCCSD

## Operational Impacts

- Office Personnel
  - Secretaries
    - Attendance
    - Phone calls
    - Confirming parent reports/symptoms
    - Beginning tracing process
  - Clinic Nurses
    - Volume of students
    - Charting
    - Inability to support tracing process
  - Administration
    - Support and assist contact tracing
    - Pulled from other responsibilities



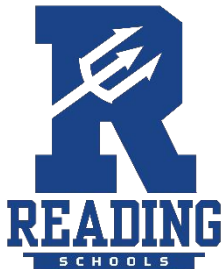
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## Summary

- RCCSD have done a remarkable job to start the year under the challenging circumstances of the ongoing pandemic
  - The district is not staffed to handle the volume and process needed to meet contact tracing requirements in our current model
  - District personnel are stretched very thin - impacts other academic and operational needs
- Student cases and quarantines continue to increase
- Student illness continues to increase
  - COVID and illnesses with similar symptoms
- Instruction and learning are being impacted negatively
- Trends show this will continue in the days and weeks to come

***\*\*Sustainability of our current situation will be a great challenge going forward***

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# Community Conversations

## Superintendent and Treasurer Facilitated Community Meetings

Tentative Dates: Additional Dates and Forums TBD

Community Chat #1	Tuesday, Aug. 3	12:00-1:00	RCCSD Amphitheater
Community Chat #2	Monday, Aug. 23	9:30-10:30	RCCSD Amphitheater
Community Chat #3	Wednesday, Sept. 8	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Strong's Brick Oven Pizza
Community Chat #4	Friday, Sept. 24	7:30-8:30 a.m.	Virtual - Zoom Meeting

