

# **Red Mesa Unified School Mitigation Plan**

## **COVID-19 Mitigation Plan**

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Many of us have been wondering how school will look as we begin the 20/21 School Year. I hope this document will help student, staff and our community to understand how we can be proactive in staying healthy, but still maintain an environment that is beneficial for learning and empowerment.

The steps outlined below contain the efforts and professional suggestions of many stakeholders to include the CDC, ADE and our local health agencies. We consider this to be a live document and are always willing to hear from any stakeholder that is willing to improve the procedures for health and learning during these times. Current real world situations are always apt to change and we are willing to adapt to meet any new circumstances that may arise.

### **STAFF ARRIVING AT SCHOOL**

One of the best opportunities to keep everyone safe is to stop any unhealthy individual from getting on campus or boarding our buses. The first step in keeping all of us safe is screening of staff, visitors and your child. For staff and visitors, this can be done on campus and for parents, this should be done prior to your child leaving for school or picking up any educational materials or food from school or any designated bus stop. Here are a few commonly known symptoms to look for:

- Fever of 100 degrees or higher, or chills;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Muscle aches;
- Sore throat;
- Headache;
- Fatigue;
- Congestion or runny nose;
- Cough;
- Vomiting;
- Diarrhea; or
- Loss of taste or smell.

Be certain that our district will be vigilant in ensuring that any student who misses school days will receive work and additional time to help in master the standards.

### **Bus Stops**

- All students must be with a parent/guardian when waiting for the bus at a designated bus stop and practice social distancing protocol.
- A staff member riding the bus will check all temperatures with a zero contact thermometer.
- Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed on the bus and the parent will be informed immediately.

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- The bus driver will ensure all student who enter the bus have on a mask and apply hand sanitizer to every student that enters the bus, when applicable.

### **Visitors on Campus / Student Drop-Off**

- When arriving at school please stay in the vehicle.
- A school staff member will check all temperatures before anyone enters the campus or exit the vehicle
- Any person with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter campus.
- All individuals that enter the campus must wear a mask.

### **Walk-Ins**

- A school staff member will check all temperatures before anyone is allowed to enter the campus and a mask is necessary.
- If anyone has a temperature of 100 or higher they should not enter campus and are advised to go back home.
- Do not take short-cuts on campus to avoid having your temperature checked.

### **SCHOOL DAY**

Our goal is for the virtual school day to have a close resemblance to day to day operations. Teachers will all be available during normal work hours and student schedules.

### **On-Campus**

- Everyone is required by the new Executive Orders to wear a mask while on campus, (the district will have masks on hand for individuals who wish to use them)
- Teachers will go straight to their classroom (No morning time will be spent in the lounge)
- Sanitization procedures will be followed on campus, at classrooms, offices and each building throughout the day.
- Sanitation of common areas such as bathrooms and hallways will be dramatically increased by district maintenance staff.
- The district has plans of created a quarantine room for any individuals that exhibit symptoms of an illness until parent/guardian arrive. (If and when school resumes for face-to-face instructions).
- We ask that any parent/guardian who have pre-scheduled face-to-face accommodations i.e ESS, ELL or McKinney Vento remain on campus in the Parent Center or in your vehicle should a student began to experience and noted symptoms.

### **Food and Educational Packet Delivery**

- Food and educational packet delivery times will be posted and shared via. Text, social media and district website.

### **SPORTS (At this time sports are not permitted under the current Executive Order)**

This is probably one of the most difficult areas to establish low contact in, but we hope these guidelines will be of benefit when sports resume.

- Temperatures will be taken prior to practice
- Athletes are to bring their own water bottles

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- If the coach does not provide daily washing of practice uniforms the athlete is then required to have clean practice clothes daily
- All equipment will be sterilized between practices

### **HIGH RISK STUDENTS**

If you have a child that is “**High Risk**” and they were to test positive for the coronavirus the school will supply additional academic instructions for learning at home. Please provide a note from a doctor to provide evidence that a high risk situation exists in order to receive a modified curriculum. The current plan for non-campus students is to join their class via online and to have an email address.

I hope this document has shed some light on what the goals and plans of our district during these times. It is the district’s intent to provide a quality education for all in a safe and healthy environment. Please contact me at: [aponder@rmusd.net](mailto:aponder@rmusd.net) if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Andre’ L. Ponder, Superintendent