

Rise Learning Center

Re-opening

2020-2021

The 2020-2021 school year at the Rise Learning Center will begin for students on Wednesday July 29, 2020. We will offer face-to-face, in school instruction every day (Monday-Friday) for students who are able to return to school. Online learning will be available for students whose risk factors or health issues or those who have immediate family members with health issues. We have made significant modifications in our daily routines to improve the health safety of the students while at the same time striving to maintain our quality of education and school culture.











If you have any questions, please contact our administrative office, 317-789-1621

The reopening of our schools will have the following stipulations and additional measures for student and staff safety as we begin the 2020-2021 school year:

- ❖ [Symptoms of COVID-19 self screening](#) - This is the CDC link for self screening. The phone number for Marion County Board of Health is 317-221-2000 if you feel you or your child is at risk. (www.marionhealth.org) We encourage all families to utilize the self screening process to determine if your child should or should not come to school.

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check the following:

- 1 Your student does **NOT** have a fever greater than 100.4 degrees (may be lower based on your school's policy) OR lower if your child is not feeling well.
- 2 Other signs of illness such as:
 -  CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE
 -  FEVER 100.4*
*or school board policy if threshold is lower
 -  COUGH
 -  SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING
 -  DIARRHEA
 -  NAUSEA
 -  SORE THROAT
 -  MUSCLE PAIN AND FATIGUE
 -  CHILLS
 -  NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- 3 Were you in close contact (within 6 for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last two weeks?
➔ If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin quarantine of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

❖ Cleaning & Disinfection

- Increase access to cleaning supplies for each classroom
- Increase accessibility to hand sanitizer for staff and students
- Extended bathroom breaks for adequate handwashing
- Clean and disinfect “high-touch” areas throughout the day
- Clean and disinfect playground equipment

❖ Cloth Facial Coverings/Masks/Face Shields

- Cloth facial coverings/masks or face shields are **required** (Per order of Mayor Hogsett as of July 9th), for all students, teachers, support staff and administration when outside or in any indoor area where social distancing is **not** possible. This order by the Mayor came out as of 7/02/2020. This may be subject to change as we approach the beginning of the school year. We will keep you posted if there is a change as soon as possible.

❖ ❖ General Building Practices

- No visitors will be allowed inside buildings unless otherwise arranged with the administration (Mental Health providers, DCS caseworkers, and CPS investigators are an allowed exception)
 - Masks must be worn at all times by parents or anyone that is able to enter the building.
 - Student drop off and pick up during school hours will be via curbside. Parent/guardians will call the front desk and a staff person will pick up the student or return the student.
 - Medications/treatments to be delivered to the Nurse will be at door 9 under the awning and arranged via calling 317.789.1621
- All Parent meetings will be held via phone or virtually. This includes parent/teacher conferences, or IEP/504 meetings.
- Students will be together throughout the day as much as possible using a “pod” approach. Pods will be classrooms that are directly adjoined to each other. Attendance at specials and recess will be grouped via pods.
- Water fountains will be turned off and water bottles or refill stations will be provided to students
- Learning will occur outside as much as possible as weather conditions permit
- Backpacks will be allowed, but nothing additional should be attached to the backpack.
- Hallways will be designated as either one-way or right side passage only.

❖ ❖ Transportation

- Transportation by personal vehicle is encouraged

- Bus drivers and students are expected to wear face coverings
- Students will be given assigned seats when riding the bus
- Students will be spaced apart as much as possible

❖ ❖ Cafeteria

- Assigned seats will be used. Only the students in Lifeskills classrooms will eat in the gym/cafeteria to allow social distancing. MOVE students and Behavior Education classes will eat in their classrooms.
- Students and building staff will follow social distancing guidelines in the serving and seating area.
- All foods will be completely enclosed/packaged for students in the Behavior Education program as they will eat in their classrooms.●
- During lunch time, water will be provided for all students, per USDA guidelines.
- Students and staff must thoroughly wash hands and/or sanitize hands before entering the cafeteria and upon leaving the cafeteria.
- The kitchen and serving area will be cleaned every 2 hours or when visibly dirty with detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Sanitizer will be checked for effectiveness before use
- Between every group of students seating areas will be cleaned and sanitized.
- All high contact surfaces in the kitchen, serving line, and seating area will be regularly sanitized.
- At the end of the day, germicidal detergent will be applied to disinfect seating areas and all high-contact kitchen surfaces.
- Germicidal detergent will be applied to the staff bathroom twice daily, once at closing.

❖ ❖ Playground

- Kids are encouraged to wear face masks.
- 6 feet Social Distancing when possible.
- Classrooms will be grouped by pods for playground use.
- The playground equipment will be sprayed with a disinfectant between pods.
- Hand sanitizing before and after each use.

❖ Social Distancing

- Desks placed 4-6 feet apart facing one direction.
- Eliminate the use of pods or table style seating as much as possible.
- Arrange for the teacher to maintain 4-6 foot distance from students; use facial covering if needed to do direct, individual student instruction.
- Arrange for some classes to take place outside.
- Do NOT allow for non-essential visitors.

❖ Social and Emotional Needs/Resources

We recognize the importance of providing students and staff with extra social and emotional support as they return to school this year. We will continue to utilize our Second Step SEL Curriculum K-8 and Newsela 9-12 daily. Expect to see welcome activities,

additional time for relationship building and a focus on establishing new routines as well as coping strategies.

Be Well Indiana

https://bewellindiana.com/?utm_campaign=awareness&utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=

8 Fun Activities to Practice Social Skills with Your Child

<https://educationandbehavior.com/fun-social-skills-activities/>

Common Behaviors and Reactions from COVID-19

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1s11-Xo2CXacKAK2daXfhmxJtx00a74V7c8UOfOaJMMk/edit>

Indiana Youth Institute Virtual Training for Parents (July 28 or August 3)

<https://web.cvent.com/event/59c92fe1-eb16-4db5-868c-10c0776c2257/summary>

Supporting Children's Mental Health: Tips for Parents and Educators

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/mental-health/prevention-and-wellness-promotion/supporting-childrens-mental-health-tips-for-parents-and-educators>

Helping Children Cope With Changes Resulting from COVID-19

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/helping-children-cope-with-changes-resulting-from-covid-19>



The following are our K-12 Remote -Learning Options:

❖ eLearning

In the event that a school or the entire district needs to close, we will move to eLearning, which will look different than the above options outlined. All teachers who conducted in-person learning will move to Google Classroom and Zoom to support the students they teach. The permanent eLearning option will continue as status quo since building closures would not affect the permanent eLearning option.