



Rosedale Traditional Community School January 2022 Re-Opening Plans for Students and Parents

The well-being and safety of our school community is our top priority. Please take time to review this information about what we are doing to minimize our risk.

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN:

Our plan is to have a multi-layered approach to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. This is a shared responsibility between RTCS Staff, School District #33, Fraser Health, families and students. By collectively implementing this plan and working together, our schools will be safe for our students, staff and our school community.

KEY UPDATES:

- **Space Arrangement:**
 - Entrance and Exits (Before, during and after school):
 - For all breaks, unless there is severe inclement weather, students will be asked to be outside (morning, recess/break, lunch and after school)
 - If the weather is unsuitable to be outdoors, students will remain in their homeroom class.
 - Students need to dress for the weather to allow as much outdoor time as possible.
 - **Elementary Students:**
 - Students will continue to enter and exit classes using their outside classroom doors at all times during the day.
 - **Middle Students:**
 - Morning: Will go out back on outside days and wait for their homeroom teacher to pick them up from designated meeting spot (will have signs for first week)
 - Break: Grade 6 break will remain separate from Gr.7 & 8 Break. Students will be walked out and picked up by their teacher.
 - Lunch: At the beginning of Lunch teachers walk class out designated exits. After Lunch, students will meet their teacher at designated meeting spot for pick up and hand-washing.
 - End of Day:
 - Elementary students will be dismissed at 1:55pm for pick up and bus line up.



- All bus students will go directly to their bus lines
 - Parent pick up – students who are being picked up by parents are asked to wait in the area in front of the Library or down on the playground.
 - Students who are walking or biking are asked to head home right at the end of the day.
 - Classroom/Shared Space:
 - Spaces will be configured to maximize space between people.
 - Desk arrangements will avoid face to face seating when possible.
 - Transitions
 - Teachers will pick up and lead students to their next class to limit hallway congestion.
 - Teachers will teach students about always walking on right hand side of hallway.
 - General student traffic and congregating in hallways will not be permitted.
- **School Gatherings and Events (including extra-curricular):**
 - School gatherings and events (assemblies, parent teacher interviews, etc) will be held virtually
 - If gatherings must be held in person (interschool sports game, theatre productions) minimize the number of people in attendance as much as possible, do not exceed 50% operating capacity and do not allow spectators.
- **Sports:**
 - All sports tournaments are paused.
 - Spectators are not permitted.
 - Parents need to pick up outside of building.
- **Visitor Access:**
 - Visitors will be limited to those that are supporting activities that are of direct benefit to student learning and well-being (i.e. teacher candidates, meal volunteers, etc.)
- **Regional Differences:**
 - Local Public Health Orders may be placed in response to localized COVID-19 events. Measures may include:
 - Limits on gatherings and events
 - Reconfiguration of room arrangements and reducing face to face contact.
 - Limiting visitors
 - Mask use is mandatory unless there is a medical exemption in place.



- Student Transportation :
 - Carpooling Recommendations:
 - Spread out vehicle occupants as much as possible
 - Travel with the same people whenever possible
 - Set ventilation to bring in fresh outside air, and do not re-circulate the air.
 - Open windows when weather allows
 - Practice hand hygiene and clean high touch surfaces
- Extra-Curricular Activities:
 - Activities including sports, clubs, and music can occur in alignment with the guidelines in [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) and [Addendum - Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)
 - Outside settings are preferred for sports and practices when possible.
 - **No tournaments or spectators**

HEALTH MEASURES:

- ⇒ All staff and students must stay home if they are sick until their symptoms subside.
- ⇒ Parents or caregivers must assess themselves and their children daily for symptoms. See the following documents to help you assess yourself and your child daily.
 - [Daily Health Check](#)
 - [BC COVID-19 App](#)
- ⇒ If a student presents symptoms while at school, they will be caringly escorted by an administrator to an isolated, supervised area then sent home as soon as possible; please make sure that the RTCS office staff has updated contact information.
- ⇒ Hand Hygiene
 - Teachers will teach students about proper hand washing etiquette.
 - Hand washing will become part of daily class routines.
 - Students are expected to wash hands upon arrival at school, when entering a new space, transitioning between activities, and at the end of day.
- ⇒ Respiratory Etiquette
 - Teachers will teach students about proper respiratory etiquette such as coughing into one's elbow.
 - Any portable fans or air conditioners will be set to move air in a downward direction.



EXTRA CLEANING:

- ⇒ Desks and tables will be cleaned at least every 24 hours.
- ⇒ Frequently-touched surfaces will be cleaned at least every 24 hours.
 - These include door knobs, light switches, toilet handles, tables, desks and chairs used by multiple students, keyboards and equipment.
- ⇒ Any surface that is visibly dirty will be cleaned.
- ⇒ Spray bottles of appropriate cleaner will be in each classroom.
- ⇒ There is no evidence that COVID-19 virus is transmitted via textbooks, books, and paper- based products so no additional cleaning requirements are called for.

MASKS:

- ⇒ All students and staff in Grades K-12 are required to wear a mask indoors and on school buses.
- ⇒ Students with medical complexities, immune suppression, and/or receiving delegated care, and the staff working closely with them, will be planned for individually according to their IEP.
- ⇒ RTCS will have non-medical masks available for staff and students, including anyone who becomes sick while at school.

LOCKERS (Middle Only):

- ⇒ At this time, all lockers will not be used to avoid hallway congestion and gathering.

HANDWASHING/WASHROOMS:

- ⇒ Upon entering, staff and students will use the appropriate hand washing stations to wash their hands thoroughly then wait in Core classrooms.
- ⇒ General student traffic and congregating in hallways will not be permitted.
- ⇒ Students and staff may only use the washrooms in their wing of the school.

BUSES:

- ⇒ Grade K-8 Students must wear mask in all indoor areas and on the bus. They are encouraged to wear them while lining up for the bus since crowding will occur.
- ⇒ Students will be reminded prior to the bell-- and staff will reinforce the message -- that bus students are to put on their masks and wash their hands.
- ⇒ Elementary students will be dismissed to their buses prior to the bell. Middle Grade students will be dismissed at the bell. Upon dismissal students will report directly to their bus line.

FOOD SERVICES:

- ⇒ Cafeteria services will continue to be open for Lunch only.
- ⇒ Families (Grades K-8) are encouraged to pre-order using [Munch-A-Lunch](#). Students (K-8) are also welcome to bring their money and order in to place in their classroom bins first thing in the morning. Please remember to include



your student's name, division and teacher.

- ⇒ Students place order and money (if needed) in a clearly labelled bag then one runner takes the pre-order bag to the cafeteria.
- ⇒ Just before lunch (as per group schedule), a runner will pick up the pre-orders for their class.
- ⇒ Each homeroom will have snacks and fruit delivered by the PAC.
- ⇒ Bowls of Hope Lunch program will continue daily.
- ⇒ Vending machines will not be used

MENTAL HEALTH

We know that COVID-19 is continuing to cause uncertainty for students, staff and our school community. Mental health, well-being and reconnecting with our community will continue to be a focus for us. Every student will continue to have access to our Counseling Area (Ms. Jackson, counselor and Mr. DeHaan, CYCW).

To support students and families, the Ministry of Health has developed resources to ensure the mental health needs of students are being met:

- [Key Principles and Strategies for K-12 Mental Health Promotion in Schools](#)

Any families who are concerned about their child's well-being can also reach out to these community resources:

- Kid's Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 (professional counselor available 24hrs/day)
- [Chilliwack Youth Centre](#) – access virtual & in-person drop-in counseling (ages 12 and up)
- B.C. Parent – [Reduce Stress & Prepare for Back to School COVID-19 Resources](#)



MESSAGING AND HELP FROM HOME:

- ⇒ RTCS staff will teach students some common expectations around COVID-19. Please support us by also consistently reminding your children of these expectations.
- Everyone enters and exits the school using their designated door.
 - Everyone goes directly to their hand washing station and washes their hands for at least 20 seconds when they enter the building.
 - Students must wait for their teacher before entering hallways or using lockers or washrooms.
 - Encourage students to respect the space of others.
 - Students in grades K-8 must wear masks in all indoor settings and on the bus.
 - Avoid close greetings (e.g. high fives, hugs).
 - **Dress for outdoor breaks/lunches, outdoor learning, and physical activity every day. Dress for any weather condition.**
- ⇒ **As Always, if your child is sick, please keep them home and call or email to report their absence.**

Thank you for staying on this journey with us.

*We are confident that with our combined efforts, we can
reduce our risk.*

Be Calm, Be Kind and Be Safe RAVENS!