

RSU #2 Return to School Plan & Continuity of Learning Plan 2023-2024 Revision

Learning Model

We are celebrating in-person learning at all schools, full days, five days per week.

Safety Measures

MDOE

[SOP](#)

Based on the guidance from the new SOP released by the Dept of Education on 3/9/2022, RSU 2 will adhere to the following COVID procedures and safety measures:

- Masks are optional for staff and students.
- Staff and students should stay home when they feel unwell.
- Staff or students who test positive for COVID-19 may isolate for 5 days.
 - They may return when their symptoms are improved and if they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
 - They must wear a mask at school on days 6-10 after their isolation start day.
- Schools will not contact trace (i.e. identify close contacts).
- If a student or staff member knows that they are a close contact and notifies the school nurse with this information, they will be advised per the SOP to follow CDC guidelines for quarantine.
 - Exempted individuals may attend school but should wear a mask for 10 days after exposure.
 - All close contacts are encouraged to test for COVID 5 days after exposure.

Safety Precautions:

1) Self-checks - before arriving at school/bus using [Maine CDC Prescreening tool](#)

-Students and staff must be free of the symptoms and exposure issues on the checklist in order to attend in person.

-Nursing staff follow CDC and DOE guidance if individuals present with symptoms at school or if an exposure is disclosed or if a student tests positive at school. Return to the building will be allowed based upon CDC guidance.

2) **Sanitizing stations** - Hand washing/sanitizing stations are available in multiple locations within each building.

3) **Masks/Face Coverings that cover nose and mouth** - based upon CDC guidance

4) **Physical distancing** - encouraged whenever possible based upon instructional model and school facilities and CDC guidance

5) **Upgraded Ventilation and Air Filters** - HVAC review, Increased Airflow, MERV Rating review, and Disinfectant will be made available to all staff throughout the day for use as needed in their learning pace. Routine cleaning of high touch surfaces in common areas at set intervals throughout the day.

6) **Outdoor Learning** - encouraged whenever possible based upon instructional model and school facilities and CDC guidance

7) **Movement within Schools** - based upon CDC guidance

8) **Building Access Limited** - Normal access and protocols are in place. Guests may be permitted with administrative approval

9) **RSU Covid Response Team** - Will convene every six months and additionally if needed -Communication will be through the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with RSU 2 nurses, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), MDOE nurse consultant/super's, and other members of the district's COVID Response Team as needed. The community will be notified (while also preserving the required confidentiality of affected parties).

11) Bus Transportation

* Students within walking and biking distance will be encouraged to walk or bike to school.

* Families will be encouraged to transport children to and from school.

* Students on the bus will be required to follow CDC guidance.

* Students will have assigned seating on buses.

12. **Masking Procedure** - We will follow all CDC guidance related to masking. If universal masking is recommended, the exceptions are when eating or taking mask breaks (outside if possible). This is in place until June 30, 2024.

13. **Pooled Testing** -No longer implementing pooled testing in our schools

14. **Rapid COVID-19 Test** - Rapid testing is also available upon consent if students or staff develop symptoms during the day or if they have been directly exposed to someone who has tested positive at the discretion of the school nurse.

Continuity of Learning Remote Instruction

- In the event that a classroom, grade level, building, or the entire district needs to go remote for an extended period of time (anticipated for two days or more), class schedules will be posted on-line (e.g. School Webpage, social media, Google Classroom or See Saw) for families and students.
- Teachers will have a day of preparation before initiating on-line instruction for an extended period of time.
- RSU 2 will follow the MDOE time recommendations for instructional learning on a virtual platform.
- Students will take part in instruction each day and may have assignments to complete.
- All virtual synchronous sessions will take place on Google Meets. Synchronous learning is only available to students who have been told by the school nurse or their physician to isolate or quarantine.
- Younger grades will have assignments posted on Seesaw; older grades will use Google Classroom. Some students may require paper packets.
- For elementary students grades PK-4 lessons will be posted so that families may access them.
- If a building or the district goes remote, we will make food available to students per USDA Guidance.

Attendance for all Levels: Secondary students must attend synchronous learning to be in attendance. If they attend some but not all sessions, it will count as partial attendance.

Elementary students need to complete assignments to be considered in attendance.

Additional Considerations

- Title I Ed. Techs, interventionists, and coaches will work with their students as assigned.
- Special Ed Ed. Techs will work with students as assigned by the Special Ed teacher.