



Rogers Adventist School Re-opening Plan Fall 2020



Rogers Adventist School has a mission that students will learn to think clearly, live responsibly, act nobly, and love generously.

In order to accomplish this goal, Rogers Adventist School has decided to re-open face-to-face learning in the Fall of 2020.

We recognize that we are part of the solution for controlling the spread of COVID-19 and as such, submit the following plan for our vision of re-opening. Rogers teachers and staff are highly committed to both safety and education. We promise to do our best to follow the policies and procedures noted below.

However, please remember that we are human teachers working with human children ages 5-14. We ask for your grace and prayers as we encounter a school year like we've never experienced before.

GOALS

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Offer all students a high-quality, comprehensive educational experience five days a week (M-Th: 8 am-3 pm, F: 8 am-12 noon) with in-person instruction. Online instruction available if a student chooses not to attend in-person.

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Respect the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Walla Walla County Health guidelines and adopt policies where feasible.

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Be creative, flexible and sustainable in our instruction, operations and problem-solving.

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Be empathetic and respectful of each individual's choices and needs.

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Consider feedback and suggestions from students, staff, and families with respect and compassion.

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Maintain credibility and trust through sincere and timely communication.

STRATEGIES

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Common public health strategies to reduce the risk of disease transmission in schools include:

1. Minimizing the number of people who come into contact with each other and reducing the time that they spend in close proximity to others.
2. Maximizing the physical distance between people.
3. Multiplying the sanitation procedures and practices in any shared spaces.
4. Minimizing the dispersion of droplets (face coverings and covering coughs and sneezes).
5. Screening for all students and staff upon entry.

Because the relative contribution of each of these measures in reducing the spread of COVID-19 is not yet clear, public health experts have generally recommended that they be used collectively where possible. RAS will use these strategies as a guideline for re-opening school.

Health protocols for students and staff

1. **No non-essential visitors or volunteers inside** (temporarily). Only RAS students and employees should come into the school. Homeschool students may not enroll in elective classes or lessons for this year.
2. It is vitally important that **ill students or staff stay at home**. Please diligently monitor your student's health each morning before you come to school. Students with fever, shortness of breath, or cough should stay home.
3. Before drop-off, parents will complete a **simple health screening** on behalf of their student.
4. **Student and staff temperatures will be taken** immediately upon arrival. Students with a temperature higher than 100.4 will be asked to return home until they have been 72 hours fever free without fever reducers.
5. All students and staff are required to enter school wearing a **face mask or face shield**. Students will be given a lanyard to wear that will attach to their mask to prevent loss or mix-up. When outside, 6 feet apart, students may pull their mask down. Students should bring their own mask, but will be provided one if they are unable to bring their own.
6. **Student and staff will wash hands with soap and water** for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer at the following intervals. Hand sanitizer stations are outside each classroom.

Upon arrival at RAS	Before meals or snacks
Before/after outside time	After going to the bathroom
After nose blowing, sneezing, coughing	Before/after classes outside of the classroom
Before leaving to go home	

RAS Remote Learning

Any student who wishes to continue receiving a Rogers Adventist School education, but chooses not to attend in person may participate in our RAS Remote Learning Program.

- One teacher from each grade team will provide **live zoom instruction** for students who wish to participate. For grades K-6, students will not be able to make a placement request as only one teacher from each team will be providing online instruction.
- **Teachers will publish their scheduled times** for Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Bible and students should log-in to the zoom link during those time frames. Students will either complete assignments in Google classroom or in paper packet, depending on grade level.
- Students will not receive instruction in music, PE, or library/technology, but can **log their hours in these fields to get pass credit**.
- There is **no tuition discount** for RAS Remote Learning.

Facilities and operations

1. Especially in the summer/fall weather, teachers will teach **as many classes as possible outside**. This allows for fresh air, sunshine, and unlimited social distancing space.
2. Student **desks will be rearranged** to maximize the space between students. Classrooms are already capped at 25 and RAS classroom square footage allows for 6 feet distance between each student while seated.
3. **Students stay with their specific classroom/cohort throughout the day** as much as possible. RAS can NOT keep students in cohorts during the leveled math classes and music elective periods for grades 5-8. For this reason, parents may choose for their student to not participate in a music elective class in lieu of study hall with their homeroom cohorts or they may be dismissed at that elective period (1 p.m. for 7-8 or 2 p.m. for 5-6). There is no reduction in tuition if students do not participate in an elective.
4. **Hallway transitions will be limited**. Most movement will take place using the outside classroom doors.
5. The RAS facility is already cleaned and sanitized daily, but **high touch surfaces will be given extra care** including but not limited to:
 - Door knobs
 - Flat surfaces (tables/desks/chairs)
 - Shared classroom items (teachers will minimize use)
6. Equipment used in the gymnasium, computer lab, and music **rooms will be disinfected between each student group**. Whenever possible, classes will be taught outside, or in the general ed classroom to limit cross contamination.
7. Students will have their **own classroom supplies** and will not be sharing (as much as possible). Items that need to be shared will be disinfected between each use.
8. Lunchtimes will be staggered and **physical distancing provided during mealtimes**. Students who purchase hot lunch will have their food boxed by food service staff. Teachers will deliver boxed lunches to students. No self-serve.
9. Daily vacuuming will be done with a **HEPA filter and HEPA vacuum bags**.
10. After students have gone home each day, **each classroom will be fogged** with NixAll, a hypochlorous acid, safe for students.

Preparing for when someone gets sick: Protocols and procedures

→ Procedures to follow to keep everyone safe

Definitions:

- **Probable Close Contact (PCC)** - Individuals likely within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes to a positive case during the infectious period.
- **Close Contact (CC)** - Individuals within 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes to a positive case during the infectious period.
- **Infectious Period** - 48 hours prior to symptom onset (or when symptoms start) until the individual is isolated.

What if: Symptoms of COVID-19 are exhibited by a student or employee while at school

1. **Student or employee becomes ill during school:**
Individual comes to the office for health screening and temperature check. If the individual has a temperature of 100.4° or higher, the individual will keep on his/her mask and enter the isolation room in order to further assess.
2. **If the individual is presenting COVID-19 symptoms:**
Parents will be notified immediately and will be expected to pick up their child as soon as possible. Have an alternate person available to pick up if you are unable to arrive at the school quickly. Ill employees will immediately go home. Parent/individual should contact their Primary Care Physician and Walla Walla County Health (509-524-2647) for guidance to determine if testing for COVID-19 is required. The individual should not return to school until 72 hours fever-free without fever reducers.
3. **RAS will clean and disinfect the area of exposure.**
Areas used by the sick person will be closed off and not used until after cleaning and disinfecting.
4. **Potential screening for PCC's**
If Walla Walla County Health determines the need for a COVID-19 test for the individual, PCC's will be notified to quarantine for a 14 day period.

Students or staff may not return to school until ALL the following criteria have been met:

- Fever free for 72 hours (3 full days) without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Other symptoms have improved

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What if: RAS receives notification of a student or employee tested for COVID-19.

1. Student or employee should quarantine while awaiting test results.
2. Test result actions:
 - If the test is positive, contact Walla Walla County Health (509-524-2647) for guidance and see below for the RAS procedure. PCC's will be notified to quarantine for a 14 day period.
 - If the test is negative:
 - +If the individual has no signs or symptoms and no CC, they may return to school.
 - +If the individual has no signs or symptoms but CC to a positive case, they will quarantine for 14 days.
 - +If the individual has signs and symptoms but no CC, they must be fever free for 72 hours before returning to school.

What if: RAS receives notification of a positive COVID-19 case (student or employee)

1. **Notify Walla Walla County Health**
Parent/individual should contact their Primary Care Physician and Walla Walla County Health (509-524-2647) for guidance.
2. **PCC's notified to quarantine for 14 days**
RAS will communicate with staff, parents and students
 - Immediate communication will be sent upon notification of positive COVID-19 case. PCC's will be notified to quarantine for 14 days.
 - Students who produce a negative COVID-19 test result, may return to class if they have been 72 hours fever-free.
 - Confidentiality of the student or staff member per the Americans with Disabilities Act and Family Education Rights and Privacy Act will be observed.
3. **Health officials and administration will determine possible closure decisions:** Classrooms/ Buildings will only be closed if WWCH officials deem it necessary through contact tracing. "Child care and school administrator should work in close collaboration and coordination with local health officials to make dismissal and large event cancellation decisions. Schools are not expected to make decisions about dismissal or canceling events on their own. School dismissals and event cancellations may be extended if advised by local health officials. The nature of these actions (e.g., geographic scope, duration) may change as the local outbreak situation evolves." CDC website