

November 16, 2020

Good Evening Students, Parents, and Families,

We are excited to welcome students back into the building tomorrow morning. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the individuals who have been impacted by COVID 19. The purpose of this message is to outline several topics related to students returning to school for in-person instruction. Please excuse the length of this message. This information and the answers to frequently asked questions are posted on the District website and Facebook page for further review.

Isolation and Quarantine

Those individuals who have been advised by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or their healthcare provider to isolate or quarantine should not return to school until the end of their respective isolation or quarantine periods. In addition, students and staff should not report to school when they are feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID 19 are expected to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Individuals who have been identified as close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 are expected to quarantine for a period of 14 days from the last contact with the positive case. If individuals live in the same household, the quarantine period for the close contact starts at the end of the positive individual's 10 day isolation period.

Students who are absent from school due to isolation or quarantine will have their work sent home to them, when the District has been notified of the reason for their absence. Students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have their work provided to them through parent pickup, mail, or email. Students in grades 4 through 12 will have their work provided to them through the District's gmail or Google Classroom.

Returning to School

When students return to school tomorrow, they should bring their Chromebooks and textbooks with them.

The goal of the Rockwood Area School District is to remain open and maximize the amount of time students are present for in-person instruction during these challenging times. In order to improve our chances of keeping students in school, the District is respectfully requesting families support the following proactive measures. First, increased cleaning procedures will occur at the school on a daily basis, and should be followed at home. Second, individuals should practice good hygiene by frequently washing their hands and using hand sanitizer. Third, individuals should practice social distancing to the maximum extent possible. Finally, the use of face coverings is required, unless an exemption exists. Following these expectations could increase the chances of remaining in school for in-person instruction.

In closing, the District will continue to communicate the most up-to-date and accurate information available. When additional COVID positive cases are reported, the District will work with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to notify students and staff who are directly affected. If additional positive COVID 19 cases impact the day to day operations and the return to remote learning becomes necessary, parents will be notified.

Have a good evening.