

COVID-19 Operations Site Communication to the Community

School: Ramona Middle School
Principal: James Ellis
Link to School Website: www.ramonavikings.com

THIS LETTER CONTAINS INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES

Isolation and quarantine policies as they apply to students who have symptoms or may have been exposed to COVID-19, from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Protocol for COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan in K-12 Schools.

- Students and employees with an exposure to the case should test for COVID-19, whether or not they have symptoms, and inform the school of test results. This will determine the extent of disease spread at the school and serve as a basis for further control measures.
- Individuals who need assistance finding a medical provider can call the Los Angeles County Information line at 2-1-1, which is available 24/7.

Exposed students and employees should quarantine for 14 days since last exposure to the case while infectious (as defined below), even if they receive a negative test result during their quarantine period. A person who tests negative may subsequently develop disease, with or without symptoms, if tested during the incubation period (i.e., time period between exposure and disease onset).

- A case is considered to be infectious from 2 days before their symptoms first appeared until the time they are no longer required to be isolated (i.e., no fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of medicine that reduce fevers AND other symptoms have improved AND at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared). A person with a positive COVID-19 test but no symptoms is considered to be infectious from 2 days before their test was taken until 10 days after their test.
- A person is considered to have been exposed if they are one of the following:
 - An individual who was within 6 feet of the infected person for more than 15 minutes, even if a non-medical face covering was worn;
 - An individual who had unprotected contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions of a person with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils or saliva, or providing care without using appropriate protective equipment).

Options for COVID-19 testing if the student or a family member has symptoms or has been exposed to COVID-19

Testing resources include: Employee Health Services or Occupational Health Services, Student Health Center, Personal Healthcare Providers, Community Testing Sites:

<https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing>

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to COVID-19 in the community, we ask that you notify the school in order to allow the district to conduct contact tracing and implement the county guidelines for isolation of possible or confirmed cases. Please contact one of the following staff:

Staff Name: Michelle Stepanian
Position: Health Clerk
Phone: 909-971-8260 Ext. 6020
E-Mail: stepanian@bonita.k12.ca.us

Staff Name: Dezere Ball
Position: Attendance Secretary
Phone: 909-971-8260 Ext 6031
E-Mail: ball@bonita.k12.ca.us

How to conduct a symptom check before a student leaves home. Please ask the following questions before bringing your child to school:

- Have you or the student been in close contact (defined as within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days? IF YES, PLEASE KEEP THE STUDENT HOME
- Do you or the student have any of the following symptoms? IF YES, PLEASE KEEP THE STUDENT HOME
 - Fever greater than 100 degrees or chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Cough (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Congestion or runny nose (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Fatigue (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Headache (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Sore throat (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Muscle or body aches (not from recent exercise or other physical activity)
 - Nausea or vomiting (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Diarrhea (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - New loss of taste or smell

Required use of face coverings while in district facilities or on school grounds:

- Students are expected to wear face coverings at all times while on campus unless otherwise allowed as prescribed by Los Angeles County Health.
- Cloth face coverings should be washed following each use. Disposable face coverings should be used only once and then discarded.
- Visitors must wear face coverings unless the visitor has been instructed by a health professional to not wear a mask or if the visitor is 2 years old or younger
- If a visitor brings younger children with them, the children must remain directly adjacent to the visitor throughout the visit

Student and staff compliance with physical distancing guidelines and expectations for face coverings is critical to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus in our community. Please help us ensure that your child is fully aware of the expectations while on campus, and reinforce the importance of following the established guidelines with your child.

Changes in academic and extracurricular programming in order to avert risk:

During this phase of re-opening, the education program will continue to be delivered through a distance learning model. More information on the district learning model can be found at this link: <https://sites.google.com/bonita.k12.ca.us/2020-2021-district-information/home/instructional-program-information>

For specific information on the educational program at this school please click here: www.ramonavikings.com

Extracurricular activities are not operating during this phase of re-opening with the exception of limited activities for high school athletes that is allowed under the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports, which also governs high school athletics.

Changes in school meals in order to avert risk during on-site services:

Meals are not being provided to students during the time period during which onsite services will be provided during this phase of re-opening. If this changes, this section of the communication will be updated to reflect protocols for serving meals to students while on campus.

Meal service to the community will continue during this phase. Click here for information on district meal service: <https://sites.google.com/bonita.k12.ca.us/2020-2021-district-information/home/meal-distribution>

In order to avoid contact that may result in exposure to Coronavirus, the school asks that parents communicate with school staff via phone and email as much as possible. Visitors entering school facilities will be subject to the following procedures:

Screening Protocols

- Before entering a school facility, please answer the following questions::
 - Have you been in close contact (defined as within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days? IF YES, DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING
 - Do you have any of the following symptoms? IF YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING
 - Fever greater than 100 degrees or chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Cough (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Congestion or runny nose (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Fatigue (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Headache (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Sore throat (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Muscle or body aches (not from recent exercise or other physical activity)
 - Nausea or vomiting (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - Diarrhea (not attributed to any other health factors)
 - New loss of taste or smell
- You may be asked by school staff as you enter whether you answered “NO” to all posted screening questions and asked to not enter if any questions were answered “YES”

Expectations for Visitors While in a School Facility

- Visitors must wear masks unless the visitor has been instructed by a health professional to not wear a mask or if the visitor is 2 years old or younger
- If a visitor brings younger children with them, the children must remain directly adjacent to the visitor throughout the visit
- Visitors must utilize the marked waiting points and may be redirected by school staff if they are not doing so
- Visitors may be asked to leave the facility if the expectations are not being followed

During these times, it is particularly important that the school has current contact information for the parents/guardians of each student, as well as one or more emergency contacts for each student. If you have not already updated or provided this information to the school your child attends, please contact the following person:

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Position: Registrar
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