



RWS Families & Staff
COVID-19 Modifications to
Policies and Procedures

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Social Distancing Strategies

- Children will remain in their own classroom, unless attending before or after school programs.
- Teachers will remain with their assigned classroom and will go into other classrooms, as needed.
- Classes will follow schedules for playgrounds. The playground space is divided into three sections with chain link fence to separate. This will allow three classes to be outside at one time.

Drop Off and Pick Up

• Morning Carpool (8:50am-9:10am)

- Before arriving to school each day, all parents should assess your child for any signs or symptoms of illness. Reveille staff will not be conducting temperature checks during morning carpool, however we do expect parents to conduct a health screening of your child as referenced in the daily health screening section.
- **Preschool parents** will come through the morning carpool line via Antrim Ave., across the front of the church and turn Right along the driveway. Before a teacher assists your child out of the vehicle, we ask that parents/caretakers unbuckle your child and then the teacher will escort the child into the building.
- The teacher will sanitize hands using the hand sanitizing station at the main office door before assisting another child out of the vehicle.
- **Toddler parents** will need to travel along the left side around the carpool line and park within the first level of the parking lot. The toddler parent will be masked, regardless of vaccination status, and walk the child up to the exterior door of the toddler classroom where a toddler teacher will greet and take the child into the room for their hands to be washed.
- Although we encourage preschool parents to come through the carpool line, any parents wishing to walk or bike to school may do so, however you must walk your child to the Weekday School main office door where a designated teacher will escort your child into the building. Please do not walk your child up to a teacher opening vehicle doors. They will be assisting car riders only.

• Afternoon Carpool (11:50am-12:10pm)

- **Toddler parents** should arrive masked, regardless of vaccination status, and pick up their child at the exterior door of the toddler classroom no later than **11:45am**.

- Each parent should practice safe distancing between persons while waiting to receive their child at the exterior door.
 - If the toddler parent also has a preschool child to pick up, they may choose to get back in the afternoon carpool line or the parent will wait outside the main office door, keeping a safe distance and let the teacher at the door know the child that is being picked up.
 - **Preschool parents** should enter the afternoon carpool line the same way as the morning line via Antrim Ave. across the front of the church and Right along the driveway.
- If parents arrive at a time that is outside of the 8:50am-9:10am drop off and 11:50am-12:10pm pick up window, please push the buzzer at the main office door. A teacher or administrator will greet the child at the door, confirm health screening questions and take them to the classroom.
 - *Please be on time, so that we may begin the day as smoothly as possible for all the children.*

Daily Health Screenings

Before arriving to school each day, all parents should assess your child for any signs or symptoms of illness.

- Have you used any fever reducing medication for your child today?
 - Is your child or anyone in your household experiencing any signs or symptoms of any illness?
 - Has your child or anyone unvaccinated in your household been exposed to any person testing positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Teachers will observe children throughout the day for signs of illness and will notify Administration if they suspect a child is sick.
 - Children and staff members' temperatures may be taken at any point during the day.
 - The childcare room located on the main office level, will be used as an isolation room if needed for sick children until their parents can get to school to pick them up. Parents should pick up within 30 minutes of the call.
- **If you find out that a Reveille Weekday School student, family member, or employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, notify RWS Administration immediately. RWS Administration will notify the Virginia Department of Health & Virginia Department of Education for further guidance.**

Exclusion Criteria

- If you cannot affirm any daily health screening questions....
- A temperature of **100.0 degrees or higher for any reason**, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, pain, chills, extreme cough, etc., will prevent entry to the school.
- If any unvaccinated household member of the child is exhibiting any of the aforementioned symptoms, the child will not be allowed to come to school.
- Children and staff members will not be allowed to return to school until after they have been **fever free** without fever reducing medication (e.g., Tylenol or Motrin), for a minimum of 48 hours with a doctor's note or negative COVID-19 test.
- If the child's symptoms **do not include a fever**, they must be symptom free for **a minimum of 24 hours**. If an unvaccinated child, staff member, or household member is awaiting results for a COVID-19 test, they will not be allowed to return to school until a negative test result has been received.
- If an unvaccinated child, staff member, or household member of a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be allowed to return to school for a minimum of 10 days after symptoms first appeared and must have a doctor's note approving their return to school.

Masks and Facial Coverings

- Children under the age of 2 should not wear facial coverings.
- We will be following COVID-19 guidelines that are issued by Virginia Department of Health & Virginia Department of Education (updated 8.13.21). It is **strongly recommended** children ages 2 1/2 and older wear facial coverings while indoors.
- Staff will not be responsible to adjust the mask for the child. Please pack an extra mask in backpacks in the event a mask may need to be changed.
- Reveille Weekday School staff, administration & visitors are **required** to wear a facial covering regardless of vaccination status while indoors. Exceptions would be while eating snack, drinking or outdoors.

Hand Washing

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available (e.g., on the playground), alcohol-based sanitizer may be used.
- Children (ALL AGES) will be supervised during hand washing.

- All children and staff members will engage in hand washing at the following times:
 - Arrival to the facility
 - Before and after eating, handling food or drinks, or feeding children
 - Before and after administering diaper cream
 - Before and after diapering
 - After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
 - Before going to a new classroom
 - After coming in contact with bodily fluid
 - Before and after playing outdoors
 - After handling garbage

Toys

- Toys that have gone in a **child's mouth** or have been **coughed or sneezed on**, will immediately be placed in a Toy Wash bin.
- Toys can be shared with children in their own classroom.
- Indoor toys should not be shared with another classroom until they have been sanitized.
- Children should NOT bring toys from home.
- Books and other paper-based items are not considered a high risk for transmission, so therefore do not require special procedures.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Each classroom will have a bin near the sink for toys that need to be sanitized daily. The office has mesh bags available to run some smaller items through the high heat of the dishwasher.
- Bleach and water solution will be used to clean all table top surfaces and diaper changing areas.
- Diaper changes-teachers changing a diaper will remain masked.
- Before, after school and as needed, a staff member in each classroom will sanitize all high-touch surfaces, including: toilet seats and flushers, door handles, faucets, etc.using disinfectant spray.

Outdoor Time/Inclement Weather

- Groups that are outdoors should practice safe distancing measures. The playground space has three designated areas for play.
- For indoor play, more than one group may share a space with safe distancing measures in place.

Sensory Play

- Children will wash hands before and after sensory play before entering another center.
- Playdoh will be used individually per student and hands washed after use.

Snack time/Class Parties

- Children will be bring a daily snack in a disposable or reusable bag that should be cleaned daily at home prior to a return to school the next day.
- **Toddlers**-a sippy cup may be brought from home, however, it will be kept out of reach in the child's cubby. Teachers will monitor a child's use of a sippy cup.
- **Preschoolers**-water bottles with a closed lid can be brought to school, however they must remain in the child's backpack unless it's snack time and may access it under supervision.
- The use of a disposable cup is preferred. Cups will be provided like usual, in each classroom.
- Teachers will refresh water at snack time to be poured into the cups for the children.
- Teachers will use gloves when preparing, distributing snack, opening snack packaging and pouring water.
- Parents may still send in store bought items to contribute to a class party.

Visitors

- Reveille essential personnel & students only allowed in the building.
- Parents always have access to your child.
 - Please come to the main office doors if there's any emergency and you need to enter the building.
 - Push the silver button to call the office and wait at the doors until someone greets you.
 - Upon entering, you will need to be masked and administration will ask you health screening questions.
 - Please sanitize your hands and practice safe distancing from others.

Travel

- Reveille Weekday School will follow VDH guidelines for travelers. As changes and updates to traveling occur over the course of the school year, administration will communicate any changes to families. Please reference the link below, before you consider travel during the school year.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus/travel-to-areas-with-widespread-ongoing-community-spread/>

- If traveling **domestically**, for individuals **not vaccinated**-get tested 1-3 days before travel. Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days, if you don't get tested. Self-monitor for symptoms and wear a mask (if over the age of 2) & take other precautions during travel. For individuals traveling **domestically** and **vaccinated**-self monitor for symptoms, wear a mask (if over the age of 2) and take other precautions during travel.
- If traveling **internationally**, for individuals **not vaccinated**-get tested 1-3 days before traveling out of the US. There is a mandatory test required before flying to US. Get tested 3-5 days after travel. Self quarantine after travel for 7 days with a negative test or 10 days without a test. Self-monitor for symptoms, wear a mask (if over the age of 2) & take other precautions during travel. For individuals traveling **internationally** and **vaccinated**-mandatory test is required before flying to the US. Get tested 3-5 days after travel. Self-monitor for symptoms, wear a mask (if over the age of 2) & take other precautions during travel.

Frequently Used COVID-19 Terms & Definitions

Close Contact

- For COVID-19, a close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more (total of 15 minutes in 24 hours). An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 48 hours (or 2 days) before the person has any symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. A person is still considered a close contact even if they were wearing a mask while they were around someone with COVID-19.

Contact of a Contact

- A contact of a contact is someone living or working with a close contact. VDH (Virginia Department of Health) has clarified that if/when a classroom has to quarantine due to a student or staff member testing positive for COVID-19, family members of the close contact in the affected classroom do not have to quarantine and are considered contacts of a contact. If the student or staff member in the affected classroom, that is the close contact, begins to show symptoms or a member of their household shows symptoms or tests positive then they must follow CDC guidelines to quarantine.

PCR COVID-19 Test

- The PCR test (polymerase chain reaction) for COVID-19 is the most accurate and reliable test for diagnosing COVID-19. A PCR test, collected by a swab in the nose and throat is performed in a laboratory. A positive test means you likely have Covid -19. A negative test means you probably did not have COVID-19 at the time of the test.

COVID-19 Rapid Test

- Rapid tests are point-of-care diagnostic tests that use a mucus sample from the nose or throat, but can be analyzed at a doctor's office, clinic or a home test instead of being sent to a laboratory. The results can be available very quickly, sometimes in minutes.
- Rapid tests are almost always antigen tests. Antigen tests are typically not as reliable as PCR tests in screening for COVID-19 infection.
- If an individual has symptoms of COVID-19, a positive antigen test can be used to confirm infection, but if the antigen test result is negative, a PCR test should be conducted. If there is a discrepancy between the two tests, the PCR test result should be relied upon for diagnosis as it is considered as the "gold standard."

Quarantine

- The separation of a person or group of people, reasonably believed to have been exposed to a communicable disease but not yet symptomatic from others who have not been so exposed to prevent the spread of the communicable disease.

Isolation

- The separation of a person or group of people known or reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease and potentially infectious from those who are not infected to prevent spread of the communicable disease.

