

Date: 01/20/2021

2021 COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

Name of Local Educational Agency or Equivalent:

Rio Dell Elementary School District

Number of schools:

2

Enrollment:

301

Superintendent (or equivalent) Name:

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Date of proposed reopening:

08/31/2021

County:

Humboldt

Current Tier:

Orange

(please indicate Purple, Red, Orange or Yellow)

Type of LEA:

Public School

Grade Level (check all that apply)

TK

2nd

5th

8th

11th

K

3rd

6th

9th

12th

1st

4th

7th

10^t

This form and any applicable attachments should be posted publicly on the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent) prior to reopening or if an LEA or equivalent has already opened for in-person instruction. For those in the Purple Tier, materials must additionally be submitted to your local health officer (LHO), local County Office of Education, and the State School Safety Team prior to reopening.

The email address for submission to the State School Safety for All Team for LEAs in Purple Tier is K12csp@cdph.ca.gov

LEAs or equivalent in Counties with a case rate $\geq 25/100,000$ individuals can submit materials but cannot re-open a school until the county is below 25 cases per 100,000 (adjusted rate) for 5 consecutive days.

For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs or equivalent) in ALL TIERS:

X I, Angela Johnson, post to the website of the local educational agency (or equivalent) the COVID Safety Plan, which consists of two elements: the **COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**, pursuant to CalOSHA requirements, and this **CDPH COVID-19 Guidance Checklist** and accompanying documents, which satisfies requirements for the safe reopening of schools per CDPH [Guidance on Schools](#). For those seeking to open while in the Purple Tier, these plans have also been submitted to the local health officer (LHO) and the State School Safety Team.

I confirm that reopening plan(s) address the following, consistent with guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the local health department:

Humboldt County Public Health

X **Stable group structures (where applicable):** How students and staff will be kept in stable groups with fixed membership that stay together for all activities (e.g., instruction, lunch, recess) and minimize/avoid contact with other groups or individuals who are not part of the stable group.

All grades TK through 8th grade will be in stable cohorts and there will be no mixing of classes. Recesses will be staggered so that only one class will be out at a time. At the middle school, teachers have a multiple subject credential so each homeroom teacher will teach all subjects so that students do not rotate. Breakfast will be served in the class and lunches will be served as a grab and go lunch on students way home.

Please provide specific information regarding:

How many students and staff will be in each planned stable, group structure? (If planning more than one type of group, what is the minimum and maximum number of students and staff in the groups?)

All grade levels classes will be in a cohort groups with a teacher and in the TK-4th grade classrooms there will be an instructional aide. Classes are no larger than 22 students in person and as small as 15 students.

If you have departmentalized classes, how will you organize staff and students in stable groups?

At the middle school, teachers have a multiple subject credential so each homeroom teacher will teach all subjects so that students do not rotate.

If you have electives, how will you prevent or minimize in-person contact for members of different stable groups?

NA

X **Entrance, Egress, and Movement Within the School:** How movement of students, staff, and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts.

A separate map was created to explain to families the entrance and exit of the campus. Directional arrows were also placed on the ground to direct students to maintain 6ft distancing as well as a clear one way traffic. We also pushed back time that students are allowed on campus so that they can go straight into the classroom and there is not loitering while waiting for classrooms to open. Employees have been hired to monitor and assist in the morning to maintain a path of travel and social distancing.

X **Face Coverings and Other Essential Protective Gear:** How CDPH's face covering requirements will be and enforced for staff and students.satisfied

All students TK-8th grade and staff will be required to wear a facial covering. If a student or staff member does not have one, then one will be provided. Face shields with a cover are also available.

X **Health Screenings for Students and Staff:** How students and staff will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and how ill students or staff will be separated from others and sent home immediately.

Students will go through a symptom check and a temperature screening before entering campus everyday. Staff is asked to do the screening at home before reporting to work. If a staff member is ill they will call into immediate supervisor and not report to work until they are symptom free for 24 hours. If a student has symptoms during the school day they will be isolated into a room off of the office and wait for parent to pick up.

X **Healthy Hygiene Practices:** The availability of handwashing stations and hand sanitizer, and how their safe and appropriate use will be promoted and incorporated into routines for staff and students.

We have added hand sanitizer to every entrance and exit. Students will practice "sanitize in- sanitize out" into every space they enter and leave from. Signage will be posted in the bathroom as reminders to wash hands.

X **Identification and Tracing of Contacts:** Actions that staff will take when there is a confirmed case. Confirm that the school(s) have designated staff persons to support contact tracing, such as creation and submission of lists of exposed students and staff to the local health department and notification of exposed persons. Each school must designate a person for the local health department to contact about COVID-19.

The Superintendent will be the school contact person with County Public Health.

X **Physical Distancing:** How space and routines will be arranged to allow for physical distancing of students and staff.

Teacher will teach with a minimum of 6ft distance from students. Students desk will have at least 3ft distance between desks. In the event that distancing is not able to be maintained at 3ft other mitigating factors will be put into place, such as shields for desks, all desk facing forward, masks worn inside and HEPA filter.

Please provide the planned maximum and minimum distance between students in classrooms.

Maximum: 6 feet

Minimum 3 feet

If this is less than 6 feet, please explain why it is not possible to maintain a minimum of at least 6 feet.

Based on classroom size and students returning to in person instruction the student to student contact can not be maintained at 6ft distancing. In many cases 4ft distance is still maintained and in other cases other mitigating factors are in place to keep students and staff safe while at school.

X **Staff Training and Family Education:** How staff will be trained and families will be educated on the application and enforcement of the plan.

The plan is posted on the website and information was mailed home to all families prior to school starting. Staff spent pre-service days prior to school starting watching training videos as well as disinfection protocols. Students went through expectation stations and watched videos of protocols and procedures.

X **Testing of Staff:** How school officials will ensure that students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Below, please describe any planned periodic asymptomatic staff testing cadence.

Any student or staff members who is identified as a contact will be called and told to quarantine and follow up with public health or local provider for testing at least 7-10 days after initial contact with the positive person. While waiting for test results they will be instructed to quarantine at home. All direction in regards to quarantine period and isolation will come directly from county public health.

Staff asymptomatic testing cadence. Please note if testing cadence will differ by tier:

At this point staff can choose to test t our local testing site if they choose, but it is not negotiated as a term of employment for regular testing cadences.

X **Testing of Students:** How school officials will ensure that students who have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be rapidly tested and what instructions they will be given while waiting for test results. Below, please describe any planned periodic asymptomatic student testing cadence.

There is no planned testing cadence for students. If a child is out with COVID symptoms it is recommended to get tested locally or with their primary care provider. If a student is exposed then the school is contacted and all students in direct contact with the student are quarantined for a 14 day period from the last dat of contact.

Planned student testing cadence. Please note if testing cadence will differ by tier:

X **Identification and Reporting of Cases:** At all times, reporting of confirmed positive and suspected cases in students, staff and employees will be consistent with [Reporting Requirements](#).

All reporting of positive cases will be consistent with Reporting Requirements.

X **Communication Plans:** How the superintendent will communicate with students, staff, and parents about cases and exposures at the school, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA.

When a positive case occurs on campus all the superintendent will communicate to students, staff and parents through Class Dojo as well as student all call system, consistent with privacy requirements such as FERPA and HIPAA. All direct contacts will receive a private phone call from the superintendent or dean of students notifying them of their direct contact.

X **Consultation:** (For schools not previously open) Please confirm consultation with the following groups

School opened in person on 8/31/2020 and has not shut down.

Labor Organization

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Name:

Date:

Parent and Community Organizations

Name of Organization(s) and Date(s) Consulted:

Name:

Date:

If no labor organization represents staff at the school, please describe the process for consultation with school staff:

For Local Educational Agencies (LEAs or equivalent) in PURPLE:

Local Health Officer Approval: The Local Health Officer, for (state County) Plan, cases Humboldt. County has certified and approved the CRP on this date: . If more than 7 business days have passed since the submission without input from the LHO, the CRP shall be deemed approved.

School was open on 8/31/21 and received feedback on plan before opening. There was no need to resubmit a plan since the school was already open.

Additional Resources:

[Guidance on Schools](#)

[Safe Schools for All Hub](#)