



# Return to Classroom

## Key Safety Points

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### Facial Coverings & PPE

- The regular expectation is that all employees, students, and building visitors (if any) shall properly wear a mask that covers the chin, mouth, and nose, while at any district facility or in any district vehicles or attending any district event.
- Typical gen-ed classrooms are considered low-risk and require cloth masks to be worn.
- The school district is responsible for providing appropriate PPE for staff who provide assistance to students who have special needs.

### EPS Staff RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM

- The purpose of this program is to ensure that all EPS employees and students are protected from exposure to respiratory hazards, and in particular, COVID-19.
- The various work conditions for respective employees have been evaluated and are listed for level of respiratory risk based on current guidance from the WA Dept. of Labor & Industries, the WA Dept. of Health, and OSPI.
- The appropriate face covering is outlined for employees in each risk category.
- Medical evaluations and respirator fit testing are described for those employees for whom an N95 mask is appropriate/required.
- Respirator training, use, storage, cleaning, maintenance, repair & replacement are explained.
- The EPS Respiratory Protection Program will be evaluated on an on-going basis to correspond with changes in health and labor agency recommendations.

### Classroom Capacity for Social Distancing

- Every classroom has been evaluated to determine the regular student and staff capacity to ensure social distancing of 6-feet or greater.
- Placards will be posted to clearly indicate the maximum COVID capacity.
- Areas such as sinks, doorways, permanent furniture, and other physical barriers were taken into account and subtracted from the student and staff capacity totals.
- Additional space buffers were incorporated into capacity calculations to allow for options for desk/table arrangements as well space for safe classroom egress.

### Attestation & Screening

- The regular expectation will be for each staff member and student to complete a health screening attestation PRIOR to coming to school each day.
- A daily email from RAVE will be sent to each student and employee with a link to a Health Screening Questionnaire:
  - 1) a symptom check and 2) a COVID-19 exposure check

- If answers to any of the questions in Sections 1 or 2 are “yes,” that individual must NOT come to school/work.
- An optional free app will be available for staff and students to use on a smartphone.
- Student attestations will be confirmed by each classroom teacher whenever a new group of students (or an individual student) arrives.
- Students who have not attested will be screened by the School Nurse, Health Room Assistant, or trained designee at the designated screening area.

### **CARE Room**

- Each school will have a designated isolation area for students who show symptoms similar to COVID-19 during the day.
- This area will be staffed by the School Nurse, Health Room Assistant, or trained designee equipped with appropriate PPE.
- CARE Room staff will be equipped with a fitted N95 mask, eye protection, gloves, and additional PPE as deemed necessary.
- Parents/guardians/caregivers will be notified to pick their child up from school as soon as possible.