

**Rhodes Return to School Plan 2021-2022 as of August 4, 2021**  
**(Per the Governor's Executive Order requiring a mask mandate in schools regardless of an individual's vaccination status)**

Masks	ALL students and staff must wear a mask at all times while in the building and on the bus.
Vaccinations	If and when a student receives a vaccination, we ask that parents share that information with our school nurse, Lisa Lonigro.
Temperature Checks	We will no longer be conducting temperature checks for students or staff.
Classrooms	We will be following the IDPH expectation that all student desks are separated at least 3 feet apart from each other. In classrooms where that can not occur, all precautions will be taken to keep students separated as often as possible.
Recess/PE	<p>Morning recess will return with K-6th grade students outside on the blacktop and 7-8th grade students in the McNally Gym. Masks do not have to be worn by students and staff who are outside during this time but masks do have to be worn by ALL students and staff in the McNally Gym.</p> <p>Masks do have to be worn by all students when class is in the gym. Masks do not have to be worn when they are outside and activities will be planned that keep students separated to the best of their ability. 5th-8th grade students will change clothes before and after PE..</p>
Lunch Plan	<a href="#">9. Breakfast and Lunch Protocol</a> is linked here.
Remote students during a required quarantine	The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requiring that all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days. Only students who are both under a quarantine and are not vaccinated are eligible for temporary remote learning but only during the required quarantine time.

Bus	IDPH requires that masks have to be worn by everyone on the bus at all times regardless of vaccination status.
Bathroom breaks	We will return to regular bathroom break procedures.
Lockers	Students will use their lockers this year with the understanding that they should be at their lockers for a limited amount of time throughout the day.
Water Fountains	Water fountains will continue to remain off, but students are encouraged to bring water bottles that they can refill throughout the day at the water fountain refill stations.
Distancing in the hallways	Tape will be located every 3 feet in the hallways and students will continue to be encouraged to maintain a minimum of 3 feet of social distance as often as possible throughout the day.
Conference sports - tentative decision	Potential schedules have been released with outdoor sport practices starting the week of August 23rd and indoor sports starting in October.
Bobcats After School Program	Bobcats will be adhering to the same standards listed above. When they are eating snacks they will be able to remove their masks and will be 6 feet apart, and when they are outside they can remove their masks.

**Rhodes Return to School Plan 2021-2022 as of TBD**  
**(when the Governor's 8/4/21 Orders involving a mask mandate in schools are no longer in effect)**

Masks	<p>All unvaccinated students and staff must wear a mask at all times while in the building. Vaccinated staff and parents of vaccinated students (who are 12 years of age and above) must sign an affidavit stating they have received the vaccination in order to have the option to not wear a mask inside. All vaccinated people can still wear a mask if they would like. All students and staff must wear a mask on busses.</p> <p>We do recommend all students, regardless of vaccination status, bring a mask with them to school in case they feel the need to wear one at any time throughout the day.</p> <p>If during the school year, substantial or high transmission of COVID-19 is occurring in our region or a new variant necessitates it, a mask requirement for ALL regardless of vaccination status could occur.</p>
Vaccinations	<p>If and when a student receives a vaccination then we will ask that parents share that information with our school nurse, Lisa Lonigro. She can then help the parent complete the affidavit that would remove the mask requirement for that child.</p>
Temperature Checks	<p>We will no longer be conducting temperature checks for students or staff.</p>
Classrooms	<p>We will be following the IDPH expectation that all student desks are separated at least 3 feet apart from each other. In classrooms where that can not occur, all precautions will be taken to keep students separated as often as possible.</p>
Recess/PE	<p>Morning recess will return with K-6th grade students outside on the blacktop and 7-8th grade students in the McNally Gym. Masks do not have to be worn by students and staff who are outside during this time but masks</p>

	<p>do have to be worn by unvaccinated students and staff in the McNally Gym.</p> <p>Masks do have to be worn during PE by unvaccinated students when class is in the gym. Masks do not have to be worn when they are outside and activities will be planned that keep students separated to the best of their ability. 5th-8th grade students will change clothes before and after PE.</p>
Lunch Plan	<p><a href="#">9. Breakfast and Lunch Protocol</a> is linked here.</p>
Remote students during a required quarantine	<p>The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) is requiring that all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days. Only students who are both under a quarantine and are not vaccinated are eligible for temporary remote learning but only during the required quarantine time.</p>
Bus	<p>IDPH requires that masks have to be worn by everyone on the bus at all times regardless of vaccination status.</p>
Bathroom breaks	<p>We will return to regular bathroom break procedures.</p>
Lockers	<p>Students will use their lockers this year with the understanding that students will either be wearing masks or will be vaccinated, and that they should be at their lockers for a limited amount of time throughout the day.</p>
Water Fountains	<p>Water fountains will continue to remain off, but students are encouraged to bring water bottles that they can refill throughout the day at the water fountain refill stations.</p>
Distancing in the hallways	<p>Tape will be located every 3 feet in the hallways and students will continue to be encouraged to maintain a minimum of 3 feet of social distance as often as possible throughout the day.</p>
Conference sports - tentative decision	<p>Potential schedules have been released with outdoor sport practices starting the week of August 23rd and indoor sports starting in October.</p>

Bobcats After School Program

Bobcats will be adhering to the same standards listed above, meaning all students who are unvaccinated must wear a mask indoors. When they are eating snacks they will be able to remove their masks and will be 6 feet apart, and when they are outside they can remove their masks.