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## **Health-Related School Closure Plan**

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***NOTE: On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy announced the closure of all New Jersey schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. This plan will be in effect through at least June 30, 2020, and until schools are reopened or the plan is revised.***

#### **1. Communication**

Information will continue to be disseminated to families through the rvcs-news Google Group, Google Classroom RVCS Community Class, and One Call Now messaging system. Following current recommended health protocols, school offices will be staffed only by essential employees for critical needs.

#### **2. Instruction**

All students, K-8, will be provided 20 hours weekly of differentiated and developmentally appropriate guided learning experiences, meetings, and assessments using available online resources provided by their teachers through Google Classroom, Zoom and other online, curriculum-based sites. Instructional and support staff will work remotely to interact with students and to update guided learning experiences daily.

A survey was completed in order to measure the digital access and needs of families. Tablets, with data plans, were provided to families in need. Digital needs will continue to be monitored, and IT support provided to families, as needed. Hard copies of guided learning experiences are being provided by the teaching staff on a case-by-case basis.

#### **3. Special Learning Needs and Student Support Services**

To the greatest extent possible, remote academic instruction and related services are provided in accordance with student IEPs. Electronic platforms and/or print materials, as individually appropriate, are used along with individual, small group and large group video conferencing. Related services and CST-provided family support are tracked by the teachers and providers, and shared with school administrators. Teaching staff, school psychologists, case managers

and administrative personnel are in regular contact with families, via phone/video calls and email, to ensure student needs are being met to the greatest extent possible. Classwork and online assessments are regularly reviewed and monitored by teachers and providers. When possible, virtual IEP meetings are held by mutual consent, with subsequent sharing of the electronic document and collection of digital signatures. As per state guidance, CST evaluations that require in-person testing and/or observations will be postponed until school reopens. A collaborative support model, which includes our I&RS team, is utilized for any student who is reported to be struggling, appears to be a potential referral to CST, or is due for a re-evaluation.

#### **4. Attendance**

Student attendance is based on participation in guided learning experiences and counts toward promotion and graduation according to district policy. Lack of participation is being addressed by staff contact with parents to address concerns.

#### **5. Facilities**

The school will remain closed to the public until restrictions are lifted by the state. Access to the school by essential employees follows strict protocols and tracking. Cleaning procedures continue to include regular disinfection of any touch points that are used during the school closure. The disinfectant being used has been approved by the distributor for treating multiple types of bacteria, influenza, and coronaviruses including COVID-19. Maintenance projects are being accomplished, as needed, by essential personnel.

### **Additional Information**

For up-to-date information on coronavirus and other health issues, please go to the State of New Jersey's websites at <https://www.nj.gov/health/> OR <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. Feel free to contact the school office at 908-362-1114 if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Essential Employees by Job Title**

- Curriculum Coordinator
- Integration Coordinator
- Business Coordinator
- Administrative Support Guide
- Nurse
- School Psychologist
- Teacher/Guide
- Support Guide
- Maintenance
- Cleaning Crew