



Roland-Story High School

2020-2021 Return to Learn Building Plan

Dear Roland-Story High School Families,

I hope this email finds you and your family well! I am Justin Boliver, the new High School Principal. I am very excited to be a part of this community and part of the Roland-Story Community School District! One of the things that attracted my family and I here was the support the community has for the schools and how everyone pulls together for the students. I am excited to see that first hand as we will really need it this year! I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer, making memories with family and friends. The staff is excited to see the building buzzing with students! As we prepare for our return to learn, I want to reassure you that the RS Administration has worked hard and has dedicated a large portion of time as to what this return to school will look like and what safety measures we can put in place to help protect our students and staff. As you know, information changes daily and we work with the most current information we have at the time. This plan will outline what we plan on implementing to help mitigate the virus. Please understand that this is a starting point for us as we have never needed to make these kinds of changes in the past. This information will certainly change and adapt as we learn better ways of doing things or realize some things are difficult to keep in place. On behalf of the high school staff, we want to thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.

As we prepare for this school year it is important that the school and families work together and communicate with one another. We understand that this virus poses a risk, however, we want to assure you that we will do our best to help minimize that risk. We are committed to providing a rigorous learning experience for your student. The following items will help us accomplish this:

- 1) Encourage Mask Wearing-students are encouraged to wear masks when in our building. Some teachers may require students to wear masks for different reasons and we ask for your support and cooperation with this. Disposable masks will be available in each classroom for those that may forget one.
- 2) Wash hands well, often and use hand sanitizer.
- 3) Social distancing at all times will be encouraged.
- 4) Please communicate any concerns directly to us and give us the opportunity to alleviate any situation in a positive manner.

Justin M. Boliver
High School Principal

Safety Processes and Procedures

Picking up Covid-Related/Suspected Ill Students

If a student has Covid related symptoms, the nurse or secretary will call the student's parents. Upon arrival, parents will call the office to let them know they are here and the student and nurse/secretary will meet the parent outside the main entrance to talk through next steps and the student will go home. The parent will talk with their health care provider and receive direction. The parent will then report to the school nurse or secretary by phone the guidance given by the doctor or inform them of when they will have an appointment. The school nurse or secretary will report findings to the principal and if it is a positive Covid case, the principal will begin the contact tracing process and then communicate to other families who had a student within 6 feet of the ill student for more than 15 minutes.

Picking up Non-Covid-Related/Suspected Ill Students

If a student has Non-Covid related symptoms, the nurse or secretary will call the student's parents. Upon arrival, parents will call the office to let them know they are here and the student and nurse/secretary will meet the parent outside the main entrance to talk through next steps and the student will go home.

Testing Positive for COVID-19:

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 they must be quarantined for 10 days from the date of the test, AND have improving symptoms, AND be fever-free for 72 hours without fever-reducing medicine prior to returning to school.

Exposure to Someone Testing Positive for COVID-19:

If a student or staff member is exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, the individual "exposed" must quarantine for 14 days. Exposure is currently defined by Story County Public Health as being within six feet of the individual who tested positive for more than 15 minutes.

Parent Drop-off and Pick-up

Discuss where the best place to drop off and pick up students is. The front of the building is busier in the morning and afternoon due to bussing.

Lunch

- We will have seating for only three students per lunch table.
- Students will not be able to pull tables together for extra seating this school year.
- There will be additional seating in the North gym hallway so students can more easily space out.
- Students will also be asked to stay in their seats as much as possible.

Classrooms

- Classrooms will be sanitized.
- Students will be encouraged to sit in their same seats in case of contact tracing.
- Social distancing when possible
- Face coverings **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** by the school district
- Face coverings may be required by some teachers in their classroom and they will communicate this to the students.
- Hand sanitizer will be available

Visitors

- We are limiting visitors in our building
- We ARE ALLOWING personnel that have a direct impact on academics or the social-emotional well-being of a student to be in our building: AEA, student teachers, counselors, etc.....
- We will be asking our visitors to wear a face covering

Hand Sanitizing/Water Fountains

- Best practice urges students to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arriving at school.
- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available. We do encourage students to have a small bottle for personal use.
- Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer as they enter the classroom.
- Students will bring their own water bottle. Drinking fountains will not be used. We have added a couple water bottle filling stations.

Hallways

- Highly encouraged to wear face coverings in the hallways.
- No directional hallways HOWEVER social distance as much as possible, wear face coverings, and three minute passing time is still in place.

Band/Choir

- Band will be held in the North Gym for spacing purposes.
- Choir will be held in the Auditorium for spacing purposes.