



RCS Community Covid-19 Compact

To our students, parents, faculty, and staff:

We are looking forward to the school year with hope that we can have students, faculty, and staff come to campus so that we can have some level of The Riverdale Experience in person.

To be able to do this safely requires the vigilance and cooperation of every single community member when they are on campus and when they are not.

Given that we are a school dedicated to creating community as part of our mission, we are optimistic that a return can be achieved.

Dominic A.A. Randolph
Head of School

This document outlines an RCS Community COVID-19 Compact that we all must agree to in order to mitigate the risk of infection.

The School commits to:

- » Striving to ensure that every student is able to engage in their work at Riverdale so that their academic progress and personal growth proceed meaningfully.
- » Serving each student according to their needs within school constraints through in-person, hybrid, or remote learning platform.
- » Studying and applying regulations and guidance from local, state, and federal authorities.
- » Requiring the use of facemasks on campus.
- » Screening all students, employees, and visitors who come on to campus to ensure that they are symptom-free.
- » Modifying our classrooms, offices, and indoor locations to achieve social distancing of 6 feet, when possible.
- » Increasing our skilled nursing staff and enhancing facilities so that we are able to isolate any potential COVID-19 cases on campus.
- » Cleaning and disinfecting our facilities routinely according to CDC guidelines.
- » Using our outdoor spaces for academic and co-curricular activities where possible.
- » Dedicating ourselves to attending to and responding to the social and emotional needs of our community members.
- » Maintaining consistent communication with all constituencies so that they understand our plans and feel comfortable asking questions when there are uncertainties and concerns.

Students, faculty and staff must commit to:

When on campus:

- » Wearing three-ply or surgical facemasks covering the mouth and nose at all times when they are with other community members.
- » Explicit guidelines can be found here for **Lower School** students, **Middle and Upper School** students, and **Employees**.
- » Students who cannot comply with these expectations may be asked to stay home to participate in remote learning.
- » Employees who cannot comply with these expectations will be addressed by their supervisor according to school policy.
- » Maintaining physical distance of 6 feet from other community members.
- » Washing hands and/or using hand sanitizer frequently.
- » Minimally, hands must be cleaned when arriving on campus, before eating, after eating and any time a mask is taken off.

When off campus:

- » Recognizing that the behavior of our community members off campus directly influences the risks that students and employees take by coming to campus.
- » Continuing to follow the **measures outlined by NY state** to reduce the spread of the virus by staying home with immediate family & friends as much as possible, practicing social distancing outside of the home, wearing masks in public, and frequently washing hands.



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OUR MISSION

Riverdale is a Pre-K through grade 12 independent school in New York City committed to empowering lifelong learners by developing minds, building character, and creating community in order to change our world for the good.

Employees must commit to:

- » Avoiding travel to **locations with elevated incidences of COVID-19** except in urgent circumstances. If such travel is unavoidable, they must commit to quarantining for 14 days when returning from such locations, as required by the NY travel advisory.
- » Taking their own temperature each morning and submitting information about symptoms through Ruvna Health on days when they are expected to come to school.
- » Using the employee portal to notify the school if any sign of illness prevents coming to campus or meeting responsibilities.
- » Notifying the school nurse if they or a household member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or they have experienced exposure to a person with that diagnosis.

Families must commit to:

- » Quarantining for 14 days when returning from locations with elevated incidences of COVID-19 or when traveling internationally.
- » Taking their child's temperature each morning and submitting information about symptoms through Ruvna Health on mornings when their child is expected to come to school.
- » Keeping their child at home if there is any sign of illness, no matter how small.
- » Using the parent portal to notify the school when a child is unable to attend in-person or remote classes.
- » Notifying the school nurse immediately if a student or family member has been diagnosed

with COVID-19 or if a student has been exposed to someone with COVID-19.

- » Providing a note from a physician providing medical clearance when asked by the nurses due to illness or COVID-19 exposure.
- » Immunizing your child with the flu vaccine in addition to other required immunizations.
- » Recognizing that the behavior of our community members off campus directly influences the risks that students and employees take by coming to campus.
- » Continuing to follow the measures outlined by NY state to reduce the spread of the virus by staying home with immediate family & friends as much as possible, practicing social distancing outside of the home, wearing masks in public, and frequently washing hands.
- » Working in partnership with the School in order to keep our community safe.

As we all know, the simple act of leaving one's home each day brings risks that the school cannot eliminate. We believe that if we work together in a responsible and generous way, we can reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 on our campuses.

As a member of the RCS community you recognize that the obligations under this COVID-19 Compact can change from time to time, based on applicable law, guidance, and future medical/scientific developments. This is also not a comprehensive list of the rules and requirements that the School, students, families, and staff must comply with.

Your signature signifies your understanding of the responsibilities inherent in this compact.

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME:

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SIGNATURE:

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DATE:

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