



RSU 9 Community News

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The Return to School: Keeping us Safe

We are excited about the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Some of our students will be back in our schools, and others will be learning remotely this year, but our mission remains the same. We strive to provide a rigorous, engaging, and relevant education to all of our students every day.

Our employees have been working all summer to prepare for this day. We've cleaned our facilities and upgraded where needed. We have selected new technology and materials to ensure we can provide the best possible education for our students in this new environment. And most importantly, we are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to connect with our students.

Please read the [Quick Guide to Health and Safety Guidelines](#) (or watch this [video](#)) for important information that you and your child should know before coming to school on the first day.

For an in-depth review of our guidelines, please read through the following document. [RSU 9 Family Return to School Guidelines](#). The more informed you are, the better chance we will have for our schools' successful and healthy reopening.

Thank you for your support as we continue to provide an equitable and safe educational experience for all RSU 9 students.

Sincerely,

Tina Meserve (Superintendent) and Laura Columbia (Curriculum Coordinator)



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<https://www.facebook.com/MBRSD/>

We have a new and improved website where you can find information about the district, schools, and various programs.



<http://www.mtbluersd.org/>



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At Home Health Screening Tool for Students

Parents/Guardians/: Please review this screening tool **before** school **every morning** for students. This tool is for your reference only, **do not** send it to school.

If your child is experiencing any of the below-listed symptoms, keep your child home from school, and contact your medical provider for further instructions.

Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms?

<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling unwell <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing <input type="checkbox"/> Fever-like symptoms such as body aches, body chills and/or sweating <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature over 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Chills or repeated shaking from chills <input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose/congestion <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
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****If any of the above-listed symptoms are sudden or severe, seek immediate medical attention.****

Please indicate yes or no next to the following statements:	Yes	No
Has your child taken cough/cold medication and/or fever reducers such as Tylenol/ibuprofen today for the above-listed symptoms?		
Has your child been tested for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?		
Has your child student had close contact* with someone with a <u>confirmed</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child had close contact* with someone with a <u>suspected</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child traveled by air or traveled out of state in the past 14 days? If yes, please contact the school before arriving on campus.		

*What counts as close contact?

- Your child was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes (mask or no mask)
- Someone in your home is sick with COVID-19
- Your child had direct physical contact with the sick person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- Your child shared eating or drinking utensils with the sick person
- The sick person sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on your child

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, keep your child home from school. Contact your medical provider for further instructions.