

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! This school year will have adjustments and changes due to COVID-19. In preparation for that, I want you to be aware of the academic options you have and the daily routine changes your child may encounter.

If your student, or a household member is known to have a medical condition that places them at increased risk of severe illness from COVID19 as listed here, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fgroups-at-higher-risk.html, I would strongly advise you to have a conversation with your primary care provider for direction on the best method for your student to safely attend school. These are concerns that should be addressed with your physician and household members. Please be aware of the academic options that Ripon Area School District has to offer to best fit your family. Watch for more information that will be directly emailed to families about the details within each option. A Learning Choice Form will also be sent to families the first week of August to indicate your academic choice. Staff member Britnie Meyer can assist you with online registration questions at meyerb@ripon.k12.wi.us or by calling (920)748-4600 and selecting Option #1.

For those who chose in-school face-to-face instruction, there are daily routine changes that your student may experience in this next school year, that you may begin to practice now:

- Practice hand hygiene. Ensure your child washed both front and back of hands, along with in between fingers for at least 20 seconds or teach your child to sing the ABC's while washing their hands
- Purchase a thermometer. Do not send your child to school if their temperature is 100 or greater. If your child has a fever, they should not come to school until they are fever free without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol/acetaminophen/ibuprofen) for 24 hours or as directed by their health care provider
- Change nebulizer medications for school and speak to your child's provider to update the asthma action plan. Medications via nebulizer will not be allowed due to droplets dispersed in the nebulizer medication administration procedure.
- Purchase a reusable water bottle for your child to have at school.
- Practice putting on and taking off a face mask. Teach them not to touch the inside of their mask when taking it off. It is best to remove the mask by the ear loops or where it is tied.
- Make or purchase extra masks. The school does have masks in their inventory for students to use. Cloth masks should be washed daily. Please do not use a mask with exhalation valves. Look for plain masks as the Board's dress policy does apply to masks.
- Make a quarantine plan. In the event that your child is directed to self-isolate, discuss with your family or employer how this will work. This may be for 14 days, possibly longer.

- Practice 6 feet of distance. Lay pieces of paper down for a visual of what 6 feet looks like. Practice having conversations with each other at this distance.

We look forward to seeing your students in September! Enjoy the remainder of summer and be healthy!