

Robert F Kennedy Charter School



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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and NMPED Secretary Ryan Stewart gives school districts and charter schools reentry options available, starting February 8, 2021.

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Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and NMPED Secretary Ryan Stewart informed Charter Schools and School Districts that schools will be able to begin re-entry starting February 8, 2021. The Leadership Team of Robert F. Kennedy Charter School (RFK) would like to emphasize that this decision gives charter schools and local districts the authority to choose their learning model; in-person, hybrid, or remote.

The RFK Leadership Team is currently looking at all of the various learning model possibilities to decide on the best model for the RFK Community. This decision will be made using data from staff and family surveys, as well as public health data currently available.

Quarter 4 classes are scheduled to start on March 29, 2021. If RFK does return to a hybrid or in-person learning model, the tentative start date will be March 29, 2021 to coincide with the start of quarter 4 of the school year.

Currently, RFK will be resuming our small group instruction for some of our students starting on March 1, 2021.

Prior to a final decision being made on a hybrid model, the following steps will need to be addressed:

1. **Complete a Learning Model Survey** by Friday, February 5, 2021. This survey will be a discussion item for the RFK Leadership Team. The RFK Staff will attempt to call all our families in order to obtain this data by February 5, 2021.
2. **Complete individual discussions** with all RFK Staff. The tentative completion date for individual conversations with staff will be February 12, 2021.
3. **Points of consideration** in determining our readiness for reentry:
 1. Positivity rate(s) at the time of survey and when we anticipate reopening.
 2. Vaccine roll-out: how many teachers and staff are vaccinated?
 3. MERV-13 compliance or air filtration devices in place: RFK is process of evaluating the HVAC systems at both campuses and we are in the process of purchasing HEPA Filtration units for classrooms.
 4. Fire marshal and NMPED approval: walkthrough of both RFK campuses, required by the NMPED.
 5. Compliance with all CDC-PPE requirements.
4. **Design a plan/schedule** for student cohorts (hybrid model). Requirement for a hybrid model is no more than **50%** of students on campus.
5. **Vaccinations** - Most students will not be vaccinated until the summer of 2021, given they are in the last phase of vaccinations in New Mexico.

Robert F. Kennedy Charter School has created a tentative schedule for moving forward. Below is the schedule we created:

February 5, 2021 – Family/Learning Model Surveys Completed

February 12, 2021- Individual Staff Conversations Completed

February 17, 2021 – Additional Staff Returns to Campus

March 1, 2021 – Small Group Instruction Begins at Both Campuses

March 29, 2021 – Tentative Hybrid Start at RFK Schools

The Leadership Team

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