



## Robert F. Kennedy COVID-19 Policy 22-23

Effective August 22, 2022

- All students, employees, and visitors will have the option to wear masks while inside Robert F. Kennedy Charter School buildings, whether they are vaccinated or not. This includes all school buildings, classrooms, and offices. Additionally, masks will not be required when riding in school vehicles.
- Students, staff, and visitors can use their own masks or use a disposable mask provided by the school if they wish to wear a mask on any of the RFK campuses or when riding in a RFK vehicle.
- RFK will continue to follow the CDC guidelines on mask wearing and county spread. It is important to know that changes to the transmission level in Bernalillo County and surrounding counties could result in RFK Mask Mandate being reestablished.
- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to isolate for 5 days after the date of their first positive test was collected. Vigilant mask wearing for 5 days after the isolation period is also required (days 6–10).
- Students and staff who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case will need to monitor for symptoms whether vaccinated or not. Students and staff who are exposed will need to wear a mask and test on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after exposure. Students and staff will need to test at RFK on day 5 after the exposure or on the day closest to the 5<sup>th</sup> day. RFK will also provide take-home tests to families until the supply has been exhausted. Students and staff who are exposed will need to wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.
- The Test to Stay requirements for students and staff have been lifted. Please see bullet above for new guidelines for exposure.
- RFK staff can voluntarily conduct surveillance testing. This could be because the staff member is high-risk or lives with someone that is in the high-risk category.
- Students and staff experiencing symptoms will be asked to test in order for the school to determine whether or not the student or staff is infected with COVID-19. Students and staff that test negative will be permitted to stay on campus as long as they have been fever free for 24 hours. Students and staff showing symptoms who test negative will be encouraged to wear a mask in order to prevent other

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outbreaks, such as Influenza. Students and staff not fever free will be required to remain at home until fever free for at least 24 hours. Students and staff who test positive will be sent home and will need to isolate for 5 days, and then wear a mask for days 6 through 10.

- RFK reserves the right to conduct surveillance testing prior to large events such as graduation, prom, tournaments or when students return from extended breaks such as spring break.
- RFK will continue with enhanced cleaning protocols to cut down on the spread of any infectious diseases. This will include daily cleaning of common spaces, bathrooms, and classrooms. RFK will continue to periodically spray classrooms, bathrooms, and common spaces with industrial sprayers designed to kill airborne and surface viruses and bacteria. High touch areas will be wiped periodically throughout the day. Industrial sprayers will be used to disinfect an area after a confirmed COVID-19 case prior to staff or students being allowed back into the area.
- RFK will continue to report positive cases to the NM Department of Health and to the NM Environmental Department.
- RFK will also alert families, students, and staff to exposures while on any of the RFK campuses.
- RFK reserves the right to tighten restrictions or relax restrictions based on the amount of community spread on either of our campuses.
- CDC County Info - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>