



# SOUTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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### Virtual Option

Those that wish to remain virtual can make that choice for your family. We know that this is a very personal choice and that there are many reasons why a family may select to remain with a virtual option. We have tried our best to work with each family and in some cases provide a very custom option to meet their needs. We also know that your needs may change. As always, please reach out to your building principal for additional information or help at any time.

### Transportation

Families that will use bus transportation should review the most recent bus lists that are available on our [TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE](#). There are strict bus seating charts that we must follow this year.

### Daily Screening

As students transition to in-person learning, please remember that a daily screening must be completed by a parent/guardian each morning. This is a RI Department of Health requirement for all students and staff. The process will be completed through Skyward, our student information system. If you cannot attest that your child is COVID symptom-free you should not send them to school that day. Further information and procedures for following up with families that do not complete the form each day will come from each school. Directions are also available [HERE](#).

The link to the **RI Screening Tool (PRINT OUT)** is available [HERE](#).

### Symptoms

The COVID-19 symptoms are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea. **Please DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL WITH SYMPTOMS.**

For a **Probable Case**, you would have

**one** of the following symptoms:  Cough (new)  Shortness of breath  Difficulty breathing  New loss of taste or smell

OR

**two** of the following symptoms:  Fever  Chills (rigors)  Muscle aches (myalgias)  Headache  Sore throat  Nausea or Vomiting  Diarrhea  Fatigue  Congestion or runny nose (new)

### Wearing a Mask

EVERYONE is required to wear a mask. We are working with all to be sure to meet the required guidance from the RI Department of Education and the RI Department of Health. Please review information about proper mask-wearing [HERE](#).

### Schools Screen, Temperature & Mask Check

When students arrive each day at school that they will be scanned using a device that will check for their temperature and a face mask. (We DO NOT use any type of facial recognition.) We also use handheld devices.



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### Food Services

The federal government is allowing SKSD to offer free meals to any student as we begin the school year. We also have a process in place for families to pick up meals on any day that their child is virtual learning. Our menus are available on our [FOOD SERVICES WEBSITE](#). Our meal service location is Curtis Corner Middle School from 8am – 10:30am. You can pick up breakfast and lunch at the same time. Read the letter from Chartwells [HERE](#).

### PreK-12 Dedicated COVID-19 Testing Program

You can learn more about the [PREK-12 DEDICATED COVID TESTING PROGRAM HERE](#) To schedule a test, call the Pre K-12 COVID-19 test scheduling service at 844-857-1814, seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. This service line is only for Pre K-12 staff and students who have symptoms or who have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. Services are available in multiple languages.

### School Department Response for COVID-19 for Probable and Positive Cases

We are required to follow the [PREK-12 SYMPTOMS PROVIDER HANDBOOK](#). This guidance document will outline how to handle symptoms and is an important step for anyone to learn more about COVID-19. We also follow the [RI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & RI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PLAYBOOK](#). We work very closely with the RI Department of Health and follow their guidance. The Superintendent will review any positive cases for the week in the Snapshot.

### After Illness Attestation Form

Anyone that is ill is required to complete the After Illness Attestation Form. The form is available [HERE](#).

### Travel Guidance

The guidance for Rhode Islanders returning from travel out of state is available online through the RIDOH website ([see link](#)). There are currently [29 states](#) that have a COVID-19 positivity rate of higher than 5%. RIDOH guidance requires quarantine for 14 days for anyone returning from these states. Due to the governor's executive order, an exception can be made if you "provide proof of a negative test for COVID-19 that was taken within 72 hours **before arriving** in Rhode Island. **Quarantining for 14 days is always preferred** over-relying on a negative test result as this is the best way to limit the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Those returning from out of the country **MUST** quarantine for 14 days upon return. The guidance also states that if you are a returning Rhode Island resident, you can self-schedule an asymptomatic test at a [community-based testing location](#) or through [portal.ri.gov](http://portal.ri.gov). You must quarantine while waiting for a negative test result. If you are returning and self-schedule an asymptomatic test in RI, this would occur **after arriving** in Rhode Island.

### Finding Information as We Move Forward Together

[SKSD COVID-19 WEBSITE](#) will always have the most recent information and the [SUPERINTENDENT'S SNAPSHOT](#) will provide weekly updates.