



HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURES

Per guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Ridgewood High School has:

- Strategically placed hand sanitizer stations throughout the building for student use.
 - Instituted directional path of travel indicators in hallways and stairwells to establish a one-way path of travel.
 - Created socially-distanced work spaces for students in classrooms and common areas.
 - Increased outdoor air circulation flow into the ventilation system.
 - Installed partitions for administrative assistants when communicating with others.
 - Eliminated use of both school and physical education lockers to maintain social-distancing.
 - Increased monitoring of restrooms to ensure students remain socially-distant.
 - Initiated a daily student-screening process for all students prior to entering the building (see below for a detailed description).
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Additionally, all students in the school building are expected to abide by the following expectations:

- Students must wear a mask while in the building.
 - ****Unless a medical exemption is provided to the school nurse from a licensed medical professional****
 - Students must maintain a distance of 6ft apart in all areas of the building, including restrooms.
 - Students must abide by path of travel indicators in hallways and stairwells.
 - Students must comply with any directions given from any staff member for safety purposes.
 - Students must report to the Nurse's Office if they feel ill in any way so they can be properly assessed by a medical professional.
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Detailed description of the Daily Student Screening Process:

- All students will approach the screening area, located outside of the Auditorium Entrance (Door #4). Social-distancing markers will be visible to ensure students remain separated while waiting to be screened.
 - Students' temperatures will be taken using touchless thermometers and they will need to verify they are not exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms as described by the IDPH, nor have they been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
 - Pending the student has a temperature of 100.3 degrees or lower, is not exhibiting any symptoms, has not been in contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, and is wearing a mask, they will be allowed to enter the school building.
 - Any student who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, is exhibiting symptoms, has been in contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, or refuses to wear a mask (without medical exemption), will not be allowed to enter the building.
 - In this case, an RHS staff member will contact the student's guardian to arrange a way for the student to return home.
 - The RHS School Nurse will offer additional guidance, if appropriate.
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If you suspect your student is sick, has been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, or anyone else you reside with is sick or has been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, do not send your student to school and contact the RHS School Nurse at 708-456-4242 x1268