



## Rochester Community Schools

Dear RCS Families,

We were overwhelmed with an outpouring of support this past week as we honored our teachers, counselors, and ancillary staff who continue to passionately serve our students and their families. In case you missed it, a [short video](#) was presented at the May 3 Board of Education meeting that highlights our students' thoughtful and caring wishes for their teachers. Our teachers love their students, and as you can see from the video, our children genuinely love their teachers.

The following are some updates for the week.

**2021-22 School Calendar.** Although the calendar is still being finalized, we are providing our community with key dates to help with planning purposes.

- First day of school for students: Aug. 30, 2021
- Winter break: Dec. 18, 2021 – Jan. 2, 2022. Students return to school on Jan. 3, 2022.
- Spring break: March 26 – April 3, 2022. Students return to school on April 4, 2022

**Schedule clarification for 2020-21 school year.** The last day of school for students is scheduled for Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

- June 7: Half day for students (6-12 and post high); hours 1-2. Full day for students (TK-5).
- June 8: Half day for students (6-12 and post high); hours 3-4. Full day for students (TK-5).
- June 9: Half day for students (6-12 and post high); hours 5-6. Half day for students (TK-5).

**Health and wellness resources.** Although our country has made great strides over the past year to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the impact of the pandemic continues to devastate many countries around the world. Currently, there is a COVID-19 surge in India and Brazil. Our hearts go out to those who have lost a loved one due to the coronavirus and to all those who have been impacted. The following are some resources for those families who may need assistance: [RCS social-emotional resources](#) and [Oakland Schools health and community resources](#).

**Weekly RCS COVID-19 reporting.** The following COVID-19 information is from May 6, 2021, at 12 p.m. As a reminder, this chart is reflective of a single point in time and may change at a moment's notice due to the current public health environment. The total percentage of quarantine and isolated students across all grade levels is 1.99%. When comparing numbers to last week's report, student trends indicate a decrease in all areas.

In-person COVID-19 Reporting – May 6, 2021, at 12 p.m.				
STUDENTS	Positive and symptomatic cases	Percent of active cases per student population	Quarantine (For those exposed)	Percent of quarantine cases per student population
Grades 0 – 5	32	0.58%	82	1.49%
Grades 6 – 8	15	0.52%	52	1.80%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	21	0.49%	49	1.15%
STAFF	Positive and symptomatic cases	Percent of active cases per staff population	Quarantine (For those exposed)	Percent of quarantine cases per staff population
Grades 0 – 5	4	0.58%	4	0.58%
Grades 6 – 8	0	0.00%	2	0.82%
Grades 9 – 12 and post-high	1	0.20%	0	0.00%
Other*	2	0.45%	3	0.68%

\*Other includes: administration, transportation, food services, custodial, and facility operations center

**New guidance.** Earlier this week, we shared new guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service (MDHHS) and the Oakland County Health Division (OCHD) regarding quarantining, student-athlete testing, and general mask guidance. This [communication](#) is located on our website for your convenience.

**Honoring the Class of 2021.** We continue to celebrate the Class of 2021 as they complete their final weeks at Rochester Community Schools. [Stoney Creek](#) and [Rochester Adams](#) High Schools held their honors convocations on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Rochester High School ceremony has been rescheduled for Monday, May 10, due to inclement weather.

This year across all three high schools, we are honoring 408 Scholars of Highest Distinction, 97 Scholars of Distinction, 175 Scholars of Achievement, and 24 National Merit Finalists. When we think about the human potential within the Class of 2021, it is truly inspiring. For a list of additional dates honoring our seniors, please visit our website at: [www.rochester.k12.mi.us](http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us).

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our children finish the year strong. We are grateful for our teachers, administrators, staff, families, and community members for their collaboration and commitment to ensuring student success.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Robert Shaner  
Superintendent