

Riverside Secondary Covid-19 Return-To-School 2020
Most-Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) - *Updated September 4th*

1. Timetable Changes FAQ

What's are the biggest changes?

Changing to a quarterly timetable is the biggest change. Only Periods 2 to 5 will be quarterly. Classes run for about 9 weeks each, which means each lesson is at least 2 hrs long. Plus, a lot of work will still be done remotely.

Is it optional again?

No. Many students were confused by the school system in April, May and June, 2020. This year, we are essentially back to normal with students attending in-person or virtually.

When do students attend school each day of the week?

For the first four weeks of the school year, follow the timetable according to your last name. Note that most Grade 9's do not have a Period 1 class.

Mondays and Thursdays:

Last Name A-L	Last Name M-Z
7:30-8:45am – Period 1 class	7:30-8:45am – Remote learning: Period 1
9-11:30am – Period 2 class	9-11:30am – In-Person Period 2 class
12pm-2:30pm – Period 4 class	12pm-2:30pm – Remote learning: Period 4

Tuesdays and Fridays:

Last Name A-L	Last Name M-Z
7:30-8:45am – Remote learning: Period 1	7:30-8:45am – Period 1 class
9-11:30am – In-Person Period 2 class	9-11:30am – Period 2 class
12pm-2:30pm – Remote learning: Period 4	12pm-2:30pm – Period 4 class

Wednesdays:

All students
7:30-8:45am – Online Class Period 1
9-11:30am – In-Person Period 2 class
12pm-2:30pm – Online Class Period 4

If I'm a Grade 12 student with a CLC12 class, when does it meet?

These classes have specialized meeting times, organized by each CLC teacher, most likely using after-school or flex times.

What's the difference between remote learning and online class?

Online classes occur on Wednesdays, starting with Periods 1 and 4. Students are at home logged into Teams for a synchronized learning experience with the teachers.

Remote learning is on the day where you are not present for Periods 1 and 4 depending on your last name. It is time for you to work at home on assignments, projects, homework; to work with classmates on group work; and, if possible, check in with your teacher when they are available to answer questions. During your remote time, the teacher is teaching the other half of the

class. It's possible that your teacher may wish you to log in at that time, or they may allow you to simply complete the work on your own schedule during the day.

What's new about the first 2 weeks of school?

Week 1: No school Sept 8th or 9th. Orientation days Sept 10 and 11. All students, both days but only for part of the day. A schedule will soon be posted online and emailed to homes.

Week 2: Regular classes begin on Sept 14th

I'm still confused about my timetable. What do I do?

During orientation days, you will have a chance to work through the complexities of your timetable with the help of your Period 2 teacher.

2. Safety Rules FAQ

What are all the rules students have to follow during Phase 2 of the pandemic return-to-school?

- Do a self-check every morning and don't attend school if you have symptoms similar to COVID
- Wear masks all the time while at school outside your learning group.
- Consider wearing a mask during your learning group class, although it's not mandatory.
- One at a time out of a room to use the washroom. In the washroom, one at a time.
- Wash hands frequently during the day. Use hand sanitizer.
- Maintain social distancing while at school outside learning group members, including during lunch.
- Respect directional signs and floor lines keeping foot traffic safely moving in the building.
- Follow all of our other rules in the Code of Conduct – found on the app.

If someone starts having symptoms in a classroom, what happens?

A teacher will send that person to the office. Administrators will decide the best course of action and as needed a parent/guardian will be contacted. If a student seems to have significant COVID-like symptoms, they will need to be picked up by their parent/guardian. In the unlikely event that that person is tested for COVID, the Fraser Health Authority will let us know what action to take.

There are a lot of other possible safety situations... where do I read about all the other detailed safety plans?

We linked our last email to a document called "COVID return to school", created by the government. It has a ton of details about all the ways students can help maintain a safe environment at school.

Are classrooms properly ventilated at Riverside?

Our district has determined that the classrooms and other learning spaces at SD43 schools including Riverside are appropriately ventilated according to provincial health guidelines. This includes classrooms without outside windows.

If a family member of a develops COVID symptoms, what should the student do?

While awaiting confirmation, students in this situation should self isolate at home. Learning can continue remotely using their laptop. If the case turns out to be positive, then Fraser Health

would likely determine the best course of action such as isolating, and then let the individual, family and school know.

If a student gets sick or is required to self-isolate during the quarter, how do they keep up with learning?

This situation is the same as ever in schools. Students can receive work while ill or isolation... via email or other electronic means. If well enough, they could engage in the Wednesday online class, and complete remote learning assignments. Upon return, they can catch up as needed.

Who is making sure students follow the rules?

Staff will monitor students and how well rules are being followed. Riverside students are awesome, and with everyone working together these rules will become typical habits over time. We aren't expecting to become the 'Covid Monitors', but rather as we all work together we will also get used to the new normal. That said, students that have particular difficulty remembering to follow all the rules will be reminded to comply to our Code of Conduct and dealt with appropriately.

3. Common Areas FAQ

Where will students be able to eat lunch?

Students who are staying in the building for lunchtime can sit at one of the designated spots all around the building. We have placed large blue sticky dots on the floor where people can sit physically distanced from others, including in hallways and cafeteria.

Who checks to see if students are physically distancing?

We will all be depending on one another to follow the guidelines. We don't want to have an environment where we are constantly on the lookout for inadequate distancing. Instead, we need to all make a commitment to follow the guidelines. Friendly reminders will be given, but families should also have the conversation that it's not something that can be disrespected.

Open door policy

We will strive to have classroom doors open and ready, rather than emphasizing staggered starts for Period 2. We believe the key is that students already arrive at sporadic times, and the main thing is for students to simply proceed directly to their classroom and not need to create a crowd in a hallway. In addition, we do have a mask policy in place until students enter that classroom.

MORE FAQ's WILL FOLLOW AS THEY COME IN!

