



RE-OPENING PLANS 2020-2021

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SCHOOLS***



Your child's safety and well-being is our top priority.

Our re-opening plan promises a quality education for every student while adhering to NYS COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. Consideration of physical safety, social emotional well-being, mental health, and importance of academic engagement for our students, staff, and families was the driving force of this plan.

This plan was created as a team effort consisting of parents, school employees, administration, and community members.

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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

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*"The happiest places in the world are those where enlightened leaders shifted their focus... to promoting quality of life."
~Krishnadev Calamur*

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

Since the onset of COVID-19, every individual has endured trauma. The stress, anxiety, and health concerns that came with COVID-19 are real. In addition, life continued. The everyday struggles that existed prior to COVID-19 did not go away, rather they were intensified.

Everyone endured an incredible shock to reality with this global pandemic, and individual circumstances made the experience different for everyone.

For that reason, **social emotional well-being of all students and staff will remain the primary focus at Cuba-Rushford School District.**

You will see this focus emphasized in scheduling, through restorative practices, and in professional development efforts.

































WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER.



BLENDING LEARNING MODEL

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 IN PERSON LEARNING		 VIRTUAL LEARNING				
		MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
CRE	Gray Team K-2					
	Blue Team 3-5					
	Red Team 3-5					
MHS	Blue Team 6-12					
	Red Team 6-12					
VIRTUAL	Yellow Team K-12					

GRAY TEAM (K-2 students) –

in-person Mon, Tue, Th, Fri

BLUE TEAM (3-12) –

in-person Mon, Tue;
online Wed, Th, Fri.

RED TEAM (3-12) –

online Mon, Tue, Wed;
in-person Th, Fri.

SPECIAL EDUCATION –

in-person Mon, Tues, Th, Fri.

VIRTUAL ACADEMY (K-12) – all online

*CRE – Depending on the infection rate within Allegany County and quarantine levels within the district, virtual learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for Blue & Red Teams could pivot to in-person at any given date. The district would give the community a two week notice to make the shift. All safety protocols would remain the same. Wednesday will always remain virtual until the end of 2020-21 school year.



ASSIGNED GROUPING

Students will be assigned to color teams based on household.

Once assigned, color teams will not be changed

All students (3-12) in the same household will be assigned to the same color team, except K-2, who are gray team.

Assigning an entire household to the same color team ensures the following:

- consistent schedule for entire household.
- safety guidelines regarding transportation, social distancing, and grouping are met.



DAILY SCHEDULES

IN-PERSON SCHOOL DAY WILL STILL RUN 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at MHS and 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM for CRE.

Grade level schedules will be released by building principals **during the week of August 24th.**

Although strict guidelines are in place, we will still offer specials, such as PE, art, and music.

Students will not be assigned personal lockers.

Transfer of classrooms will be minimized, with teachers traveling and students remaining in the classroom for most of the school day.



VIRTUAL ACADEMY

ALL FAMILIES CAN SELF-SELECT FULL VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR ANY STUDENT IN GRADES K-12.

To opt for full virtual academy, you must:

- Have full Internet access.
- Commit to at least one full semester (20 weeks) of remote learning. Students cannot switch out of this model sooner.
- Adhere to the district Code of Conduct and attendance policy.
- Understand that your child must engage daily, participate in all online classes, and submit all assignments on time.

TO SELF-SELECT VIRTUAL ACADEMY FOR YOUR CHILD, PLEASE EMAIL opencr@mycrs.org or call Laura Smith (6-12) at 585-968-2650 or Maghen Beck (K-5) at 585-968-1760 by Friday, August 14th.

**All students will be scheduled into grade level model unless requested.*



SPECIAL EDUCATION

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SPECIAL EDUCATION



All students with an IEP who receive special education services will attend school in-person four days per week.

Students will be assigned to a color designated team but will be in school the additional two days as well.

Transportation will be provided for all students who attend out of district special education placements.

ALL CSE and 504 MEETINGS WILL BE VIRTUAL FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, SCHEDULE, AND TRANSPORTATION:

KIM FISHER, CSE CHAIR,

kfisher@mycracs.org, 585-968-1760, EXT 3123



TRANSPORTATION

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TRANSPORTATION

Every student will have his/her temperature scanned when boarding school vehicle. A child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed on the bus, nor will household members of that child. A parent or household member over the age of 11 must be home when the student is boarding the bus.

Morning pick up and afternoon drop off locations must remain constant. Bus assignments will not be changed.

For proper ventilation, anytime the temperature is above 45 degrees, windows and roof hatch must be open.



TRANSPORTATION

DUE TO NEW YORK STATE MANDATES RELATED TO COVID-19, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK FOR THE ENTIRE BUS RIDE AND REMAIN SOCIALLY DISTANT.

For the health and safety of your child(ren), we strongly encourage families to transport their child(ren) if possible.

**IF YOU WILL TRANSPORT YOUR CHILD(REN), PLEASE CONTACT
TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR, MIKE SEARS at:**

msears@mycrs.org

585-968-2650 – EXT 4442





NUTRITION

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BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch will be available for every student daily, regardless of instructional model.

To maintain social distancing and student groupings, meals will be served in classrooms.

Students will place meal orders ahead of time, and all meals will be pre-packaged.

All students will wash hands before and after all meals.

Food sharing and group snacks are not permitted.



MEAL DISTRIBUTION

All meals will be pre-packaged in disposable containers and will include the main menu lunch item, breakfast for the following morning, milk, juice, and a fruit.

Packaged meals will be distributed by delivery or pickup service.

Meals will be delivered directly to the home of the student(s) if delivery service is requested.

**Pickup service will be available at CRE bus loop and at the
Rushford Firehall:**

DAILY

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



MEAL PAYMENT AND RESERVATION

Cuba-Rushford strongly encourages the use of our online payment system www.MySchoolBucks.com to add money to student accounts. This will prevent the exchange of cash between persons.

All cash or check payments should be given to the student's homeroom teacher, who will submit payment to the cafeteria manager.

**TO SIGN UP FOR MEAL DELIVERY, PLEASE CONTACT
CAFETERIA MANAGER, ALEX LEYVA at:**

aleyva@mycrs.org

585-968-2650 – EXT 4421





TECHNOLOGY

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TECHNOLOGY

Because we are a 1:1 district, every student has access to his or her own device, which is not and will not be shared with others.

All students in grades 3-12 have student email accounts that should be checked regularly.

All instructional materials will be downloaded at school during in-person learning days, therefore minimizing the need for WiFi outside the building.

Preferred communication forms will be completed by every family.

WiFi is available at CRE, MHS, multiple Cuba businesses, Cuba Public Library, Black Creek Town Hall, Rushford Fire Hall, Rushford Library, and Farmersville Fire Hall.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

All students, staff, and visitors will have their temperature checked before entering the bus or building.

Social distancing will be enforced per state guidelines.

All staff and visitors will complete a COVID-19 wellness questionnaire upon entering the building.

All students (6-12) will complete a COVID-19 wellness questionnaire periodically. Parents of elementary students will be required to periodically complete a wellness questionnaire for their child(ren).



MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Cuba-Rushford will provide a cloth mask to all students and employees. Additional disposable masks will be available for those who forget a mask on any given day.

All students, staff, and visitors will wear a mask when in the school building and on school property, including the school bus.

Written documentation from an individual's doctor will be requested if mask exemption is necessary, and must meet one of the CDC guidelines:

- severe respiratory condition and diagnosis
- unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance
- choking hazard
- severe anxiety or claustrophobia

Opportunities will be given for individuals to remove masks during designated times.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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SYMPTOMS IN SCHOOL

Students who arrive to school with a fever or get a fever of 100 degrees or higher during the day will be sent to a supervised, designated isolation room. Students must be picked up within 30-60 minutes of parent/guardian contact. Staff and visitors will leave immediately.

Students/staff who develop symptoms will be assessed by the school nurse and sent home if deemed necessary.

After absence due to COVID-19 symptoms, individuals must be fever free for 24 hours (w/out meds) **and** have a written note from a healthcare provider for safe return to school.



POSITIVE TEST

In the event that someone tests positive, we will work closely with the county health department to follow all necessary protocol.

Individuals who test positive will not be allowed to return until a negative test result and no new symptoms arise, they have quarantined for the minimum of 14 days, and they have been fever free and symptom free for 72 hours.

While we cannot reveal any identifying information in the event of a positive test, we will follow all proper notification channels to ensure the safety of all.



FACILITIES AND CLEANING

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FACILITIES AND CLEANING

All students will participate in virtual learning on Wednesdays for deep cleaning and disinfecting between in person learning groups.

Capacity of all classrooms has been calculated with social distancing considered. Classrooms will not have more than 15 students during in-person instructional days.

Additional handwashing stations have been added to each building, with more on order.

Drinking fountains will be for filling water bottles only. Students should bring a water bottle labeled with his/her name. Water bottles that are not labeled will be thrown away.



FACILITIES AND CLEANING

Restrooms will be limited to one person per facility and will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.

A specific checklist will be used daily to address all cleaning requirements in all areas.

Cleaning and maintenance crew will meet weekly to review all updated protocol.

All buses will be sanitized after each use, and deep cleaned/disinfected once per day.



FACILITIES AND CLEANING

Visitors to the buildings will be extremely limited. Visitors during meals will not be permitted, and all visitors will be health screened.

Building facilities are currently closed for use by the general public.

Outdoor areas are available.

**FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT FACILITIES AND CLEANING, PLEASE
CONTACT DAVE HARDMAN, DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE,
dhardman@mycrs.org
585-968-2650 EXT 4427**

SCHOOL SPECIFIC PLANS

PLANS SPECIFIC TO CUBA-RUSHFORD ELEMENTARY & CUBA-RUSHFORD MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE **RELEASED BY AUGUST 7TH**.

THESE PLANS WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC DETAILS REGARDING PRE-K, BOCES, STUDENT GROUPINGS, SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL RESOURCES, TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS, AND BUILDING POLICIES.

SCHEDULES WILL BE RELEASED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Allegany County Health Department:
585-268-9250

Allegany County Emergency Manager
Jeff Luckey - Luckeyj@alleganyco.com
585-268-5290

Re-Opening Questions & Concerns
Email: openrcr@mycrccs.org



A REGIONAL MODEL OF EXCELLENCE



It is not the strongest species
that survive, nor the most
intelligent, but the
most responsive
to change.

-Charles Darwin

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