

The Weekly Warrior

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RMSD Update

Dr. Bickert
Superintendent

Yesterday afternoon Governor Lujan-Grisham and other state leaders provided updated information that we (New Mexico) continue to do well in our battle against Covid-19. A few hours later, the Public Education Department released an updated Covid-19 Response Toolkit for NM Public Elementary Schools. The good news is that this updated toolkit only contained minimal changes to the requirements, recommendations, and guidance previously released. RMSD continues to be a statewide leader in being proactive in terms of student and staff health and safety!

Our Public Health and Safety Work Group Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss what is next and best for our District. Currently, they are working out the finer details of how we can best comply with PED's mandatory "surveillance testing" requirement. They are also developing a comprehensive staff survey which should be sent out early next week. It is important that we hear from as many people as possible, so please take a few minutes and answer the survey when you receive it.

Thank you to everyone in Warrior Nation for all you do for our students. "Don't Stop Believin" and have a safe weekend!

Dr. B.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pre-K – 5th grade students continue Blue/Gold in-person learning!

6th - 12th grade students continue remote learning.

Monday, October 12th, Indigenous People's Day – District Holiday

Tuesday, October 13th, 6th – 12th grade students tentatively scheduled to return to Blue/Gold in-person learning!

What We Know

Positive Start: The SVP and WME Blue/Gold Hybrid continued with another successful week of in-person learning, including more families requesting a return to school from online-only. Additionally, more students have successfully re-engaged via the remote learning at RMS and RHS! Kudos and thank you to all Warrior Nation staff members!

RMS and RHS return: We have not received any messaging to the contrary, so, as of now, we are still anticipating the return of RMS and RHS students in Blue/Gold Hybrid on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Surveillance testing: Even while we continue ironing out the PED-required details, any staff member may volunteer to be tested at the local Department of Health. Please check with your school nurse/health assistant for more details, or to answer any questions you may have.



What We Don't Know

Next Toolkit: Even though an updated "Elementary" toolkit was just released, we have not been provided any updated information about the forthcoming release of the Secondary Schools Covid-19 Response Toolkit.

Shout outs:

Thank you Lincoln Transportation and our Food Services Team for continuing to go above and beyond for our students!