

POLICY
RHODE ISLAND FOR THE DEAF
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VEHICULAR COVID PROTOCOLS
FOR ATHLETICS AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Purpose

Rhode Island School for the Deaf acknowledges that by entering any premises and participating in sports programs sanctioned by the SORI, ESDAA, RIPCOA, RIIL and/or any other athletic organizations that the school is a member of, there are risks to the student-athlete and to those with whom the student-athlete interacts of exposure, directly or indirectly, to communicable disease(s) including, but not limited to, the virus “severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)”, “Covid-19”, and/or any mutation or variation thereof.

This policy is intended to implement protocols that will safeguard student and staff safety as much as possible while on school vehicles during travel to approved extra-curricular activities.

Policy

1- Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD) will ask all student-athletes to take weekly Sentinel COVID-19 tests on the first day of the school week to ensure clearance to participate in sports and/or any other extracurricular activities for the remainder of the week. RI School for the Deaf uses *BiMax Now!*, a rapid test that has been approved by the RI Department of Health for on-site school use.

2- If a player, coach, official, or member of a team, sports organization, or stable group tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the team or group who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine for up to 10 days or in accordance with Executive Orders and directions from the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) – or in accordance with school quarantine policies in the case of a student-athlete. If RIDOH identifies a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak connected to an athlete, coach, official, or sports team or organization, all activities associated with that case or outbreak should immediately cease, and all participants and organizations should fully and promptly cooperate with RIDOH case investigation and contact

tracing, and follow the instructions provided from RIDOH regarding the need to quarantine and the dates when activities may resume.

3- For all RISD athletic travels utilizing our school vehicles, we will adhere to these guidelines:

a.) No-touch thermometers will be utilized by an athletic coach or administrator to ascertain temperatures of all individuals prior to boarding any RISD vehicles. A temperature below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit is required. In the event that a student or coach registers above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, the individual will wait in the medical waiting room on campus under supervision of

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a staff member, parents/ guardians will be called and a safe transport will be arranged for the individual to go directly home.

b.) All individuals will sanitize their hands prior to boarding a RISD vehicle.

c.) All individuals are required to wear appropriate masks, covering nose and mouth, at all times while on board a RISD vehicle. Non-compliance may result in the vehicle pulling over and/or returning to RISD prior to arrival at the destination.

d.) All individuals will be seated alone in each available bus seat row. Social distancing will be observed and windows will be open. Students will comply with any and all preexisting school vehicle rules on the 'departing trip' to the destination.

e.) After competition/activities at the destination, all individuals will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands prior to boarding a RISD vehicle for the 'return trip'.

f.) Upon boarding the RISD vehicle for the 'return trip', all individuals will be seated in the same seat as on the 'departing trip' and shall comply with any and all preexisting school vehicle rules. Windows must be open.

g.) In the event of non-compliance with any of the aforementioned guidelines, RISD reserves the right to authorize staff members and/or the RISD vehicle driver to make critical decisions regarding student safety while on board.

h.) All RISD vehicles will be cleaned and thoroughly sanitized after the 'return trip' and prior to the next use.

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