



RAINIER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Seven Rumors, Facts, and Unknowns about Reopening School on September 9th

Q1: Because King County is in Phase 2 of the Governor's order, students cannot return to campus for in-person learning.

A1: False. Schools operate in an entirely different lane than the Governor's Phases and students will return on September 9th.

Q2: I heard students will not have recess or PE when students return to school on September 9th.

A2: False. Students will return to a regular schedule and enjoy identical offerings as before. The activities may look different, but students will follow a full schedule.

Q3: When K-12 students return on September 9th, students will attend classes every other day.

A3: False. Students will return to classes with their teachers and peers for five days a week of in-class learning.

Q4: Student must wear a face mask when returning to school.

A4: False. Students have the option to wear a face shield, be exempt according to special conditions*, or wear a mask. The mask rule is likely to change between now and September 9th. During vigorous activities like PE, students will adhere to the social-distancing rule and not wear a mask. One creative, face-covering option for classroom learning is shown at right.



*The current exemptions for student-face coverings appear in the box at right.

Source: OSPI

- Cloth face coverings should not be worn by:
 - Those with a disability that prevents them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering.
 - Those with certain respiratory conditions or trouble breathing.
 - Those who are deaf or hard of hearing and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.
 - Those advised by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that person.
- Students may use face shields as an alternative to a cloth face covering.
- Younger students must be supervised when wearing a cloth face covering or face shield and will need help putting them on, taking them off, and getting used to wearing them.
- Even when cloth face coverings are worn, continue practicing proper physical distancing.

Q5: If students are socially distancing themselves in the classroom, they do not need to wear a mask.

A5: False. However, there is growing pressure from LEAs to make an adjustment.

Q6: I heard when Rainier Christian opens on September 9th they will follow the State's new Sex-Education curriculum.

A6: False. Please review RCS' adopted learning standards and the For Parents section on our website.

Q7: I heard athletic teams are not allowed to play when schools reopen.

A7: Unknown. What is known is athletics adhere to WIAA guidance that is indexed to the Governor's Phases. Currently, squads in King County can practice together in groups of five. For a full explanation of WIAA's guidance, click [here](#).