

#RESTARTMB

RESTORING SAFE SCHOOLS



What to expect when at school.

Our shared goal: Kindergarten to Grade 12 students at school with as much in-class learning as possible, while staying safe.

Our planning puts your child's health and safety first, along with teachers, staff and families within the school community. Specific safety procedures are in place for each part of your child's school day from the moment students board the school bus to when they arrive at and leave the school.

Here's how:



1. Physical distancing will be practiced to the fullest extent possible in all parts of the school throughout the school day. This will include (but is not limited to): controlling the way students enter and exit the school at designated entrances, one-way or marked hallways, leaving space between desks and tables, staggering start and end-times for recess and lunchtime, timetabling to avoid spares, and limiting bathroom occupancy at any given time.



2. Where two metres of physical distancing is not possible, students will be in distinct cohorts (groups), separate from other students, to reduce the risk of virus transmission throughout the school day.



3. Masks offer an added layer of protection, especially for indoor public spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Specific guidelines on current mask use in schools can be found at https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/mask_guidance.pdf. Resources to help children, along with their parents and caregivers, learn how to safely put on, wear and remove a mask are available at <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html> under the Public Health Measures tab.



4. Extra handwashing and sanitizing stations will be set up and monitored to ensure students utilize them.
5. Special attention will be paid to younger students to ensure they follow all safety procedures, such as wearing a mask and keeping their hands washed and sanitized.



6. All parents are reminded regularly that students must stay home when sick or exhibiting any symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19.



7. Increased cleaning and disinfecting will occur around the school and throughout the day, especially high touch surfaces.



8. Any incident of COVID-19 in a school will result in immediate contact by Public Health with instructions if that student and/or cohort must self-isolate, if they need to be tested and when they can return to school.