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Alberta Education – Planning for a new school year

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Health Measures		
1.	Daily Screening	Parents and caregivers must assess their children daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. Anyone showing symptoms listed on the Alberta Health Daily Checklist must remain home.
2.	Stay Home if Sick	Students or staff who have symptoms are required to stay home. AHS provides guidance on isolation and testing if a staff or student has COVID-19 symptoms.
3.	Handwashing	BTPS is providing hand sanitizer at all school entrances and for all classrooms.
4.	Masks	All students on a bus must wear a mask as per the provincial health order. Masks are recommended for students and staff in schools. Schools may require masks in additional situations where students are in close proximity and social distancing is not possible, so parents are encouraged to send a mask for their child. If there is a positive COVID-19 case within a school, masks will be mandatory for all staff and students in that school for 14 days. Parents/guardians and visitors must wear masks when they are in the schools.
5.	Physical Distancing	Wherever possible, the division will promote physical distancing in hallways, washrooms and common areas.
6.	Showing symptoms while at school	Staff will need to go home right away. Students will be moved to a school's sickroom, parents/guardians will be called, the student will need to be picked up and taken home. A sick child will not be able to ride a bus.
7.	Confirmed COVID-19 case at school	AHS has indicated that schools will not be informed about individual COVID-19 cases. If we receive notification from AHS about a positive case, we will communicate with the school community. If there is a positive COVID-19 case within a school, masks will be mandatory for all staff and students for 14 days. Anyone with COVID-19 is legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days.



8.	Isolate or quarantine with core symptoms	Everyone is legally required to isolate for a minimum of 10 days if they have a core symptom or until the symptoms resolve (whichever is longer). Please review the core symptom list .
9.	Close contacts or family members of a positive COVID-19 case	If a member of the household has COVID-19, it is mandatory that any staff or student in the same household not attend school as it is a high risk area and if symptoms develop, it is recommended the person must isolate and get tested .

Physical Set up in Schools

1.	Cohorts	<p>Student lunch breaks will be staggered. Kindergarten to grade 3 students will eat lunch from 12:10 – 12:30. Grade 4 to 6 students will eat lunch from 11:45 – 12:05.</p> <p>We will stagger recess and lunch breaks to allow for physical distancing. It will look as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10:50 – 11:05 Recess for Gr. 4 – 6 ○ 12:10 – 12:30 Lunch recess for Gr. 4 – 6 ○ 2:30 – 2:45 Recess for Gr. 4 – 6 ○ 10:10 – 10:25 Recess for K - 3 ○ 11:45 – 12:05 Lunch recess for K - 3 ○ 1:50 – 2:05 Recess for K - 3 <p>Our students will have designated doors to exit and enter the building. The exits will be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kindergarten students will be ready to pick up at the warning bell. They will exit/enter west door (toward the playground) in the south portable if they are being picked up and the east door (toward the parking lot) in the south portable if they are riding the bus. ○ Grade 1 and 4/5 split and Grade 5 students will exit/enter in the bus waves the west portable door. Grade 1 students will use the north door in the boot room. Grade 5 and the 4/5 split students will use the south door in the boot room. Students will travel down the sidewalk on the north side of the school to the front of the school to board the bus if they are riding the bus. ○ Grade 2 and 3 students will exit/enter in the bus waves in the south portable if they are being picked up and the east door (toward the parking lot) in the south portable if they are riding the bus. ○ Grade 4A and Grade 6 students will exit/enter the east door on the front of the school (by the parking lot). Those being picked up on the north side of the school will travel around the back of the school by the playground. Those being picked up in front of the school on 44 Street (beyond the crosswalk toward the mall) and those riding the bus will go directly to their location. <p>During high traffic times, people will be asked to not use the main door to exit the building to ensure social distancing measures, instead use nearest exit. Students will not be using the main door to exit the school during these high traffic times.</p>



2.	Cleaning	We are providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning of high touch areas throughout the day. Enhanced cleaning of ventilation systems.
3.	Physical Distancing	Wherever possible, the division will promote physical distancing in hallways, washrooms and common areas. This may mean that there is reduced seating in common areas and breaks may be staggered throughout the day.
4.	Common Areas	Seating may be reduced. Schools will have procedures for physical distancing.

Daily Operations of Schools

1.	Visitors	<p>All visitors to the school must wear a mask, use proper hand hygiene upon entering, and complete the BTPS daily screening app. Visitors, students or staff who feel ill or have symptoms of COVID-19 cannot enter the school.</p> <p>As you enter the building through the main entrance ONLY, you will follow the visitor protocol outlined here: complete the BTPS COVID-19 app on the ipad provided, sanitize your hands with the provided sanitizer, sanitize the ipad with the provided wipes and wear a mask at all times in the school. Please maintain physical distance of 2m from others where possible. Please follow the directional arrows for travel within the school.</p> <p>All visitors, including those coming for Vermilion Play Development and Before/After School care, MUST use the front entrance to enter the building and must follow the visitor instructions in the front entrance. Visitors will exit the building using the closest exit.</p>
2.	Outbreaks	AHS will continue to support schools if there is an outbreak of respiratory illnesses.
3.	School activities	Schools will be working with their staff to ensure that students are not in large gathering (ie. assemblies).
4.	Staggered Start	<p>Schools may choose to have a staggered start schedule for half of the students to attend on September 1 and half on September 2.</p> <p>Staggered entry will look as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in grades 1 – 6 with last names starting with A – K will come to school on September 1st for their staggered entry. Students in grades 1 – 6 with last names starting with L – Z will come to school on September 2nd for their staggered entry. All students will come to school on September 3, 2021 and thereafter. Kindergarten staggered entry will be shared with kindergarten parents separately and will take place through the first four days of school. Any anomalies will be contacted by the classroom teacher.
5.	Water Fountains and Microwaves	Water fountains will continue to operate. Students are discouraged from using the fountain, instead students are encouraged to bring and fill water bottles. We have bottle filling stations at two locations within the school and classroom water coolers will be used to fill water bottles. An adult will be filling the water bottles periodically throughout the day to ensure cleanliness.



		<p>Water fountains will be cleaned throughout the day.</p> <p>There will not be microwaves in classrooms. Please do not send lunches that require heating.</p>
6.	Shared equipment	Students will use and store their own personal school supplies. Schools will minimize shared equipment, textbooks and materials. Materials that are shared will be cleaned after use.
7.	School libraries	Schools may cohort or schedule students to use the library at specific times. Spaces will be cleaned throughout the day.
9.	School Nutrition Programs	Schools will be able to work within the safety guidelines and protocols to maintain their nutrition programs. Breakfast and hot lunch will be delivered to classrooms to minimize contact between cohorts.
10.	Assemblies	School wide events, assemblies and performances will be virtual as we begin the year.
11.	Extra-curricular Activities	Extra-curricular activities will be considered on a case by case basis to determine if they are able to follow all guidelines and health protocols. Parents and students will be informed of any extra-curricular opportunities as they arise.
12.	Field Trips	<p>As much as possible, to start the year, schools are encouraged to participate in virtual field trips.</p> <p>Day trips may be approved ensuring all safety protocols are followed, physical distancing, and masking requirements. Masks may be required at indoor locations.</p> <p>Overnight trips are not permitted at this time.</p> <p>Parents/guardians are not able to drive students who do not live in their household to field trips or extra-curricular events.</p>

Transportation

1.	Masks	Masks are required on school buses. Students will not be allowed on the bus without a mask.
2.	Seating Plans	There will be a seating plan on the bus, but it will not need to be the first on loads at the back.
3.	Cleaning	Busses will be cleaned after each bus run.
4.	Pick up of students	<p>We encourage parents/guardians to pick up their student at designated spots on the attached map. We encourage students to social distance as they are waiting to be picked up and to go directly to their pick up spot. We discourage any loitering in the pickup area.</p> <p>To ensure the safety of our students and staff, it is imperative that vehicles DO NOT drive through the school parking lot and the playground area. Please drop off and pick up in the designated areas only!</p>



5.	AHS Guidelines	The government's guidance for school busses is here .
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Government Requirements - Symptoms or testing positive for COVID-19

	I have symptoms and I test positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate for 10 days, and • Stay home until symptoms have resolved
	I have symptoms and I test negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home until symptoms have resolved
	I am a student who has not been tested	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you are a student and your symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath or loss of sense of taste/smell, isolate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for at least 10 days or until symptoms have improved, and • until you have no fever for 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications whichever is longer 2. A student may have other symptoms (such as chills, sore throat/painful swallowing, runny nose/congestion, feeling unwell/fatigued, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, unexplained loss of appetite, muscle/joint aches, headache or conjunctivitis). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If you have one of these other symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay home and monitor for 24 hours. If your symptom improves, return to school when you feel well enough. (Testing is not necessary). b) If you have two symptoms or one symptom that persists or worsens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay home until symptom(s) are gone. (Testing is recommended but not required).
	I am an adult who has not been tested	<p>If you are an adult and symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat or runny nose, isolate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for at least 10 days or until symptoms have improved, and • until you have no fever for 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medications whichever is longer. <p>Adults who have other symptoms should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • stay home until symptoms are gone.
	I do not have symptoms and have a positive test result	Isolate for at least 10 days from the date that you were tested (when the sample was collected).



Legend

|| - Exit / Entrance doors.

