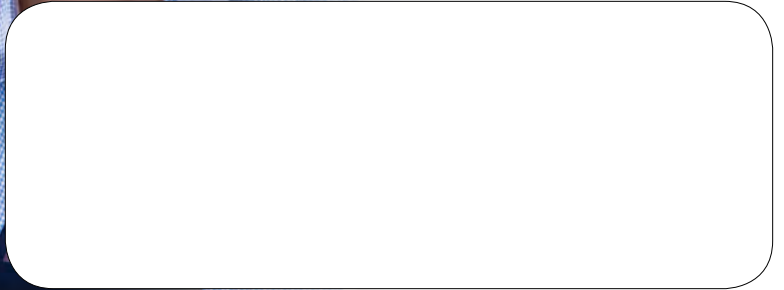




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RE-ENTRY PLAN FOR PWPSD SCHOOLS

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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SCHOOL RE-ENTRY: WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE?

PWPSD school re-entry will be based on recommendations from Alberta Education and Alberta Health, and will prioritize the safety of our staff and students, and their families.

On July 21st, the Government of Alberta announced that schools will reopen in September under Scenario 1: In-class learning with enhanced health and safety measures. A second announcement on August 4th indicated that mask use for Grades 4 to 12 students, as well as all school staff, will be mandatory in the 2020-21 school year. Staff will be required to wear masks in all settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained, and students will be required to wear them in all shared and common areas, such as

hallways and on buses. While mask use for Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be optional, all students and staff will receive two reusable masks from Alberta's government.

If cases of COVID-19 occur during the school year, Alberta Health and Alberta Education will be responsible for enacting any necessary protocols, which could include a temporary move to Scenario 2 where schools are partially reopened, or Scenario 3, a temporary return to home learning. The temporary change may only affect a single school or grouping of schools, as directed by the province. A brief summary of each scenario is included in this brochure. For details, visit www.alberta.ca/returntoschool.



Parents who prefer to continue with home learning should contact PWPSD Central Office at (780) 532-8133 after August 17th.

SCENARIO 1

In-school classes resume, near-normal operations with health measures

- **Self-screening tool:** Parents, students and school staff must review the self-screening questionnaire (included in this brochure) each day before going to a school building. The screening tool will also be posted at schools for visitors to determine whether they may enter.
- **Preventing the spread:** Schools will be thoroughly cleaned prior to re-entry. Physical distancing, with emphasis on hand washing and sanitization, respiratory etiquette (coughing into your elbow and using a tissue when sneezing), and regular cleaning and disinfecting. Students should not share personal items or food.
- **Diploma Exams:** All Grade 12 diploma courses will have exams offered in January and June. Will also be offered in every subject in the November and April exam sessions.
- **Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs):** Grades 6 and 9 PATs can be held at participating schools if students are in school.
- **For children with pre-existing medical conditions:**
 - Consult your doctor to consider the health risks and to make a decision about your child returning to school.
 - Contact your child's school to discuss available options and support. Home learning is also an option – contact PWPSD Central Office at (780) 532-8133 after August 17th.
 - Students who have allergies or other pre-existing respiratory conditions should get **at least** one negative COVID-19 test result before returning to school. These symptoms would be their baseline health status. The student can attend school as long as they stay the same. Tell your school about your child's pre-existing medical conditions to ensure there is a record on file.
- **Student Supports:** If necessary, PWPSD may permit schools to reduce the time spent teaching non-core subjects to provide additional instruction time on core subjects. Schools will have mental health supports in place for students.

My child is feeling ill at home prior to leaving for school.

- Use the screening tool included in this brochure to determine whether your child has any symptoms of COVID-19.
- If you answer "Yes" to any of the questions provided in the screening tool, please **DO NOT** send your child to school. Keep your child at home.
- Use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool located online at www.myhealth.alberta.ca to determine if your child needs to be tested for COVID-19.

What happens if my child becomes ill while at school?

- Your child will be isolated in the school's sick room, or at a safe distance from other students and staff, but will be supervised.
- Office staff will call the emergency contact on file to pick the child up from school, and remind them to use the online COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if their child needs to be tested. Alberta Health Services or your doctor will provide instruction on school re-entry.

SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT SCENARIO 1:

Food Service

- Do not share utensils or food with others. No common food items, such as condiments, will be available.
- To minimize cross-contact, schools will not offer self-serve meals. Packaged meals, or meals served by designated staff, may be available. Staff who serve food will practice meticulous hand hygiene.
- Schools may stagger lunch times or space tables apart.
- Cafeterias will follow Alberta Health restaurant guidance, including cleaning between uses, and frequent cleaning of shared equipment, such as microwaves.



Busing

- Students with symptoms of COVID-19 may not attend school or ride the bus.
- Buses will be equipped with sanitizer for students to use when boarding the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned at the end of the route. A seating plan will assist with contact tracing if a student contracts COVID-19. Siblings will be seated together.
- Field trips requiring transportation are postponed.
- Students will unload from the front of the bus to the back.
- Parents may opt to drive their child to reduce numbers.



Phys. Ed., sports and recess

- Physical education programming can take place in the gym. When possible, it will be conducted outdoors.
- Teachers may choose activities or sports that support physical distancing (e.g. badminton over wrestling).
- Shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before/after each use, or students should perform hand hygiene before/after each use.
- Under Scenario 1, students may practice sports. By early September, the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association will decide whether teams may compete.
- Cohorting (smaller groups of students who stay together) is recommended.



School and classroom set-up

- Schools will post the self-screening tool for any visitors. Those with symptoms may not enter the school.
- Plexiglass barriers may be in place in the school office and for face-to-face interactions, such as speech therapy.
- Schools may use directional tape or signs in hallways to improve student traffic flow and distancing.
- Schools may arrange desks to increase physical distance between students, or use flex spaces for instruction.
- Schools with sufficient space and staff may practice cohorting (smaller groups of students who stay together).
- Schools may designate separate entry and exit doors.





Beginning in September, anyone who will access a PWPSD school must self-screen for symptoms each morning before leaving home.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Screening Questionnaire

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST

PLEASE NOTE:

This form was updated by the Government of Alberta on August 20, 2020.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS MUST USE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE DAILY TO DECIDE IF THE STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND SCHOOL

The tool is meant to be used to assist with assessing attendees who may be symptomatic, or who may have been exposed to someone who is ill or has confirmed COVID-19.

Attendees should fill out this checklist prior entering school daily. If an individual answers YES to any of the questions, they must not be allowed to attend school. Children and youth will need a parent to assist them to complete this screening tool.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, this screening tool will be updated as required.

Screening Questions

1.	Does the attendee have any new onset (or worsening) of any of the following	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle/ Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Has the attendee travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Has the attendee had close contact* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4.	Has the attendee had close contact with a symptomatic** close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?	YES	NO

* Face-to-face contact within 2 metres. A health care worker in a occupational setting wearing the recommended personal protective equipment is not considered to be a close contact.

** 'Ill/symptomatic' means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above



WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER:

Reducing the spread of COVID-19 is an important part of safely re-entering schools under Scenario 1: A return to near-normal school operations, with health measures.



REMEMBER: Alberta Education and Alberta Health will make the decision to switch between scenarios, if needed. If you have specific concerns, please speak with your school's principal.

In Scenario 2, the Scenario 1 procedures continue, with the following enhancements.

SCENARIO 2

In-school classes partially resume with additional health measures

- **Smaller cohorts (groups of students or staff who remain together):** Depending on enrolment and space, smaller class sizes may be achieved by alternating days of teacher-led at-home learning and in-school learning for groups of students. Some schools may create additional learning spaces by using gyms or flex rooms. Students and staff should still maintain physical distancing. Gyms remain open for physical education programming under Scenario 2.
- **Enhanced safety measures:**
 - Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch areas and equipment.
 - No non-essential persons allowed in the school. Parents/guardians can still attend if required by the school as part of the educational programming needs of their child.
 - Volunteering may only be done remotely.
 - Off-site activities may be limited.
- **Transportation:** Similar to Scenario 1, but with the expectation that routes may be adjusted to accommodate fewer students attending school. There may be a need for enhanced physical distancing and cleaning.
- **General considerations:**
 - Curriculum may be altered by Alberta Education to focus on core subjects, with reduced time spent on non-core subjects.
 - If necessary, PWPSD may assign a teacher to provide online learning to an entire group of students across the school division who have chosen home learning.
 - Students who normally receive individualized programming and extra supports and services will be accommodated on an individual basis.
 - Mental health concerns may require special consideration for access.
- **Delivery considerations:**
 - More time may be required for Diploma Exam courses.
 - Children of essential workers may attend school more frequently, if space allows within the guidelines.
 - PATs are optional. Diploma Exams are mandated.
 - Families who want to move to home learning under Scenario 2 should contact PWPSD Central Office at (780) 532-8133.

SCENARIO 3

At home learning continues, in-school classes are cancelled

- **Content delivery:** A return to the teacher-led home learning expectations developed in March 2020. To view the Alberta Education 2020-21 School Re-entry Plan by grade division, visit www.alberta.ca/returntoschool.
- **Learning platform:** All grades and students will use Google products (Google Classroom, Meets, Slides, etc.). A single Google website per school will be used to share links and common resources with students and parents.
- **School operation:** Schools will continue to follow the 2020-21 school year calendar. Teachers will be available to support home learning during 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on school operational days.
- **Student responsibilities:** Attendance will be taken. Students will continue to be responsible to actively engage in learning and complete their work by the assigned date.
- **Parent responsibilities:** Parents are not teachers. Support your child by providing an appropriate learning environment and discuss their learning with them. Maintain communication with your teacher and school.

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DO NOT ENTER IF SICK



Students and family members should not enter school if they have any of these symptoms:

- Fever
- Feeling unwell/Fatigued
- Cough
- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Unexplained loss of appetite
- Sore throat
- Painful swallowing
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Muscle/joint aches
- Headache
- Pink eye

Stay home if you had close contact with someone who is ill or suspected of having COVID-19.

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KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER



“By now, I believe most Albertans could recite my health advice in their sleep: Stay two metres apart. Wear masks when you can't. Get tested. And stay home if you are feeling ill.”


Dr. Crenea Medeiros, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health Services

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WASH AND SANITIZE YOUR HANDS



BEFORE

- entering school
- entering your classroom
- eating
- leaving school

AFTER

- sneezing or coughing
- using shared equipment
- using the washroom, water fountain, vending machine and microwave

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USE THE ENCLOSED SCREENING TOOL DAILY

If you answer YES to a question, do not enter a school. Use the online COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine whether you need to be tested.

SCHOOLS & FAMILIES MUST TAKE A ZERO TOLERANCE APPROACH TO SICKNESS.

IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE SICK, DO NOT ENTER A SCHOOL.



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Alberta Health COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool:
Find it online at www.myhealth.alberta.ca
or
CALL



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DO NOT SHARE THINGS



Do not share personal items, including food, and store your belongings separately.

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KEEP A HEALTHY DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER



- In hallways
- In classrooms
- In the playground
- In the lunch area

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COVER YOUR COUGH



Cough and sneeze into your elbow
Wash your hands after

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