

# COVID-19 INFO FOR PWPSD SCHOOL RE-ENTRY 2020-21

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Working together to prioritize the safety of PWPSD staff and students, and their families.

The following infographic is a quick-reference tool to provide highlights from the [PWPSD School Re-entry Plan for 2020-21](#). It will be updated regularly to reflect any new guidance from Alberta Education and Alberta Health.



## Screening Questionnaire

- The [Screening Questionnaire](#) is updated as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Ask your children the questions daily before school.
- A "YES" to any question means your child may not attend school. Use the online [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) or call 811 to determine if they need to be tested.
- [Student Illness hand-out](#): Guidance for those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.



## Physical Distancing

- Two-metre spacing, or the greatest distance possible between desks, is recommended.
- Desks may be arranged so that students are not facing each other.
- Where physical distancing is not possible:
  - Wear a mask (Grades 4-12 and staff).
  - Wash hands more often.
  - Additional cleaning and disinfecting.



## Mandatory\* Masks

- All staff and Grades 4-12 students must wear a mask when the two metres of physical distancing is not possible:
  - on buses
  - in common areas
- The classroom teacher will let students know when masks are not required (when following distancing guidance for schools).
- Masks are available for K-Grade 3 students but not routinely recommended (left to parent choice).
- All visitors must wear a mask.

\*Some exemptions may apply. Please contact your Principal.



## Food Service and Lunches

- Shared food is not permitted.
- Parents should ensure children can open their own lunch and drink containers.
- Food-handling staff will practice meticulous hand hygiene.
- Cafeterias will follow Alberta Health restaurant guidelines.
- Some schools may shut off fountains, but water bottle filling stations will remain open. Buttons and knobs will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.



## Limiting Visitors

- Visitors who answer "YES" to any question on the [Screening Questionnaire](#) may not enter a school.
- Parents are encouraged to contact their school office to make an appointment.
- Virtual presentations are encouraged.
- Volunteers should contact their Principal for school-specific guidance.
- No media access inside schools. Contact [PWPSD Communications](#) for guidance.



## Busing & Short-Term Riders

- Mandatory masks on buses for Grades 4-12.
- Assigned seating. Siblings sit together.
- Use the hand sanitizer when boarding a bus.
- For the 2020-21 school year, using the [Short-Term Rider Form](#) to arrange short-term changes in transportation, such as going home with a friend or traveling to an after-school job, will not be permitted.
- The form may still be used for:
  - emergency changes in child care.
  - accessing before/after school care.
  - families with joint custody situations.



## Physical Activity

- Classes will participate in indoor and outdoor physical education classes and activities. Shared sports equipment will be disinfected between uses.
- To reduce student interaction, sports teams and practices have been postponed for September.
- Practice hand hygiene after returning from the playground and using sports equipment.
- No gym rentals until further notice.



## General Info

- Schools may stagger start- and end-times for classes to reduce student traffic.
- Staff and students will receive two reusable masks on the first day of school.
- A student who becomes ill at school will be isolated, but supervised. Office staff will call the emergency contact on file to pick up the student, and remind them to use the online [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) or call 811 to determine if the student needs to be tested.