

June 24, 2020

To: Horizon School Division Parents

Re: Health and learning practices for the start of the 2020-2021 school year

The Horizon School Division has created a number of documents to guide student re-entry for the 2020-21 school year. These documents are based on three government documents released on June 10, 2020. (available at <https://www.alberta.ca/guidance-documents.aspx>)

- *2020-21 School Re-Entry Plan*
- *Guidance for School Re-Entry – Scenario 1: In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures)*
- *Guidance for School Re-Entry – Scenario 2: In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures)*

Education Minister Lagrange will be communicating with school divisions as to whether the school year will start as near normal with health measures or whether in school classes will only partially resume by August 1, 2020. It is our understanding that the target will be that all students are able to attend school every day. Both of these scenarios will have health guidelines that include:

- routine screening for all staff and students
- enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices
- strict stay-at-home policy for anyone exhibiting symptoms

- physical distancing practices that will
 - have students as spread out as possible within classrooms
 - keep students in the same groupings where possible
 - guide foot traffic by using markers on the floor and/or placement of pylons/barrier
 - Avoid school assemblies or other large gatherings
- hand hygiene expectations when entering and exiting the school and classrooms
- continual reminders of the importance of how to cover a cough or sneeze
- limiting the sharing of school supplies and equipment and/or cleaning it between uses

Note that staff and students will not be mandated to wear masks

The division's two main documents (*Workplace Guidance for 2020-21: Horizon Re-entry Plan;* *Continuity of Learning Plan: Fall 2020*) have been built to align with provincial expectations and provide guidance related to provincial health guidelines and learning expectations. (They are accessible via www.horizon.ab.ca)

To review the full details, parents are invited to read Horizon's two support documents and engage in a conversation with their children about the practices that are being implemented to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Please take note of the following important points.

1. Transportation

- Provincial health guidelines indicate that schools should develop procedures that support physical distancing of 2 meters between all persons (except household members) when possible. Given that many Horizon buses are at capacity and may have up to three students per bench, **the Board passed a motion to not transport students who reside less than 2.4km from their designated school for the 2020-21 school year.** Parents will need to find alternative measures to meet their responsibility for arranging how their children are transported to school. The board is currently exploring whether this decision meets health guidelines for each bus route or whether further reductions need to be made in student transportation (e.g. removing all ineligible students including students attending schools of choice). Should further reduction be required, the Board hopes to make such decisions by August 18 to provide parents adequate time to find alternative transportation.

2. Screening

- Parents are asked to screening each child every day and to not send the child to school if the answer to any of the questions is "yes". The screening tool is attached to this letter

Parents are encouraged to reach out to their schools if you have any questions about specific practices at your children's school.

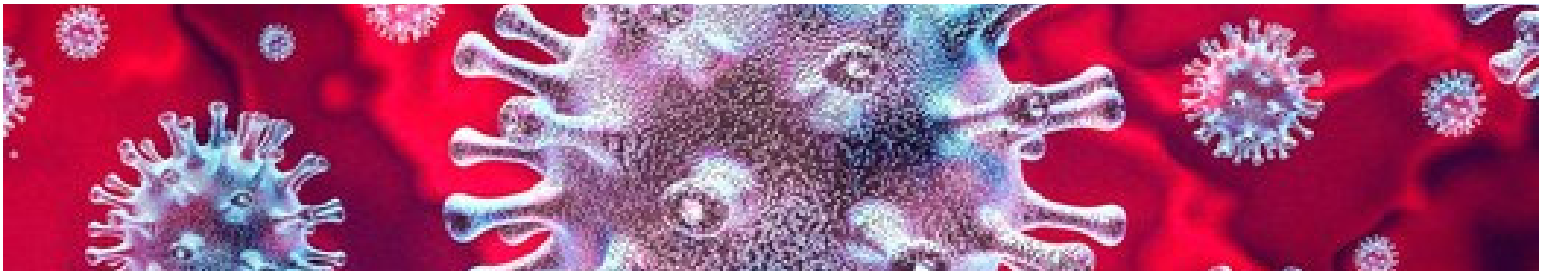
Student and staff safety remains our top priority during this pandemic. While the division is implementing a large number of measures to ensure student and staff safety, maintaining the safety of all our children and staff is a social responsibility and we ask everyone to do their part.

Sincerely,



Dr. Wilco Tymensen
Superintendent of Schools

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SHOULD MY CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL?

Ask yourself these questions:

1. Does your child have any of the following symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing
- Sore Throat
- Chills
- Painful Swallowing
- Runny Nose/Nasal Congestion
- Feeling Unwell/Fatigues
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Loss of Appetite
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Muscle/Joint Aches
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)



2. Has anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?



3. Has anyone in your household been in close contact (without a mask) with someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?

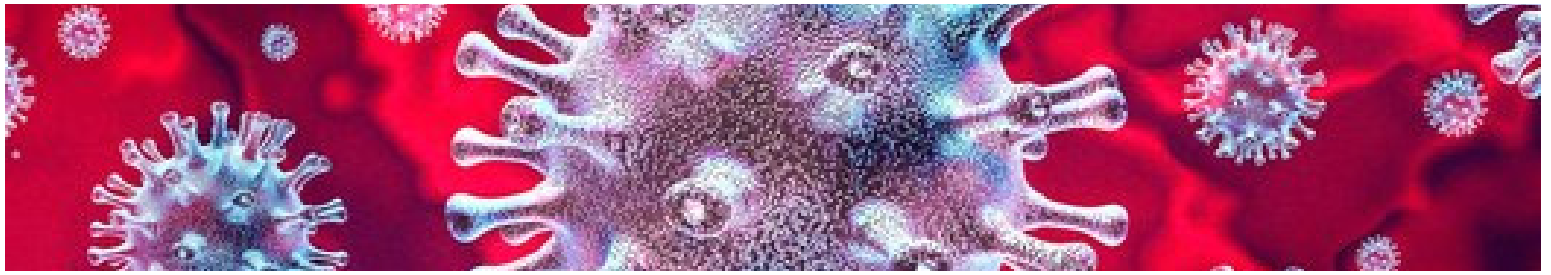


4. Has anyone in your household been in close contact (without a mask) with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?



If you have answered **“YES”** to any of the above questions, please **STAY HOME** and use the **COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool** to determine whether you need to be tested for **COVID-19**

If you answered **“NO”** to all the above questions, you **may attend school**.



Wud mien Kjint vondoag sellen en de School sen?

Froag die selfst diese Froagen:

1.

Haft dien Kjint irjent eent von dise Tieekjens?

- Feeba / kolt sen / hubren
- Hoosten
- Schwoa Odmen
- Schlema Hauls
- Weedoag biem schlucken
- Schnoddaje Nāse / tooje Nāse
- Schljacht feelen / sea meed feelen
- Ommaklich / kolkjen / Derchfaul
- Nicht Apetiet
- Nicht rikjen oda schmakjen kjenn
- Muskel un Jelenkja wee donen
- Kopp Weedoag
- Schlemme Uagen



2.

Es doa irjentwāa von bie junt tus en de latste 14 Doag buta Canada gewast?



3.

Es doa irjentwāa von bie junt tus dichtbie eene Person jewast waut doa den Host oda Feeba haft en nicht haft eene “mask” oppjehaut?



4.

Es doa irjendwāa von june Famielje dichtbie eene person jewast waut doa unjasocht woat fa COVID-19 oda waut doa COVID-19 haft, un nicht haft eene “mask” oopjehaut?



Wan du hast **“Jo”** jesajcht to eent oda mea von de Froagen **dan hol dien Kjint bitte leewa tus** un bruck den **“COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool”** toom utfinjen aus du sust een test haben fa COVID-19.

Wan du hast **“Nā”** jesajcht to aul de Froagen **dan kaun dien Kjint no de School komen.**