



RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION SCOLAIRE VALLÉE de la RIVIÈRE-ROUGE

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To: RRVSD Community
From: Brad Curtis, Superintendent & CEO
Re: COVID-19 UPDATE #16

All resources and further updates for the RRVSD Community will be posted on our website: www.rrvsd.ca

We are one week away from students returning to school, and we are looking forward to the start of a new school year. ***At this time, we are requesting that any parents that intend on homeschooling their children to please inform their local school.***

Remote Learning for Students with Medical Accommodation -

For students who are medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-19 related factors - this option can be available if health care providers have concern for immediate family members in a shared household that can not physically distance. Parents and caregivers must consult with health care providers on the need for an accommodation. A medical note/short form is required by the school division. Please contact your local school if a medical accommodation is required.

All K – 8 students will be able to attend school on a daily basis beginning September 8th. Schools will notify families of the site specific school plans by September 3, 2020.

High School students with exceptional needs will be able to attend school up to five days per week and their first day is September 8th. Our high school teams are currently developing plans where all high school students will attend school every second day and will work with students to develop “blended learning” plans which is a combination of in-class and remote learning. Schools will notify families of the site specific school plans by September 3, 2020. September 8th will be the first day of in-class learning for grade 9 and 10 students. The firstth day of in-class learning for grade 11 and 12 students will be September 9.

As of today, these are some of the conditions that are in place in order to start the school year on September 8, 2020:

Suspended Activities or Access until further notice -

Sports - School Divisions in the South Central Region have agreed to suspend all inter-school sports until further notice. Athletes will be permitted to train under the Return to Play Guidelines for each sport as identified on the Manitoba High School Athletics website.

Lockers - Hallway locker use is suspended until further notice. Students will be encouraged to bring their belongings to their individual space within the classroom.

Vending machines - Use of vending machines is not permitted until further notice.

Canteens/Breakfast, Snack, Lunch Programs - Canteens and meal programs will be able to operate in accordance with the guidelines listed on page 20 of the [Restoring Safe Services](#) document.

Preschool - In school preschool programs administered by Red River Valley School Division are suspended until further notice.

Curricular Programming - In-class instruction of the following programs are suspended until further notice: Band, Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Drama, Choral (Singing). At the high school level, these courses may be offered via remote learning on alternating days.

Community Use of Schools - Community Use of Schools is suspended until further notice.

Extracurricular Bussing - Extracurricular Bussing is suspended until further notice.

Field Trips - Field Trips are suspended until further notice.

Closed Campus: In order to protect the integrity of the cohort groups, and for the safety of our students, Red River Valley School Division is adopting a Closed Campus model. This model will allow students to enter and exit the school division property once per day. As a result, if students leave school for whatever reason before dismissal time, they will not be allowed to return to the school that day.

Mandatory Masks - On August 19, 2020 the province updated the requirement for mandatory mask wearing in schools. Students in Grades 4-12 are required to wear masks at school. Since many of our schools offer Grade 3/4 multi-age classes, Grade 3 students in those multi-age classes are required to also wear masks while at school. All students and staff that are on busses are required to wear a mask. Schools and buses will be equipped with disposable masks for students if they forget to bring one.

Transportation - Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to bus students that reside within 1.6 km of the school. Parents are still encouraged to drive their own children to school, if possible.

Please see the attached links for more information:

[Guidance For Mask Use In Schools](#)

[COVID-19 Response Management in K-12 Schools](#)

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