

# #RESTARTMB

## RESTORING SAFE SCHOOLS



### What to expect when welcomed back to school.

***Our shared goal: Kindergarten to Grade 12 students return to school with as much in-class learning as possible, while staying safe.***

Our planning puts your child's health and safety first, along with teachers, staff and families within the school community. Specific safety procedures will be in place for each part of your child's school day from the moment students board the school bus to when they arrive at and leave the school.

#### Here's how:



1. Physical distancing will be practiced to the fullest extent possible in all parts of the school throughout the school day. This will include (but is not limited to): controlling the way students enter and exit the school at designated entrances, one-way or marked hallways, leaving space between desks and tables, staggering start and end-times for recess and lunchtime, timetabling to avoid spares, and limiting bathroom occupancy at any given time.



2. Where two metres physical distancing not possible, students will be in distinct cohorts (groups), separate from other students, to reduce the risk of virus transmission throughout the school day.



3. Masks offer an added layer of protection, especially for indoor public spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained. At this time, non-medical masks are required in schools for students in Grades 4 to 12 as well as teachers, staff and visitors, when physical distancing of two metres is not possible.



4. Masks are required on buses for all students and bus drivers. Boarding and exiting the bus will be done with physical distancing and assigned seats.



5. Parents/caregivers should provide masks for their children attending school.

6. Resources to help children, along with their parents and caregivers, learn how to safely put on, wear and remove a mask are being developed.

7. Specific guidelines on mask use in schools is available at [https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/mask\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/mask_guidance.pdf).



8. Extra handwashing and sanitizing stations will be set up and monitored to ensure students utilize them.

9. Special attention will be paid to younger students to ensure they follow all safety procedures, such as wearing a mask and keeping their hands washed and sanitized.



10. All parents will be reminded regularly that students must stay home when sick or exhibiting any symptoms of a cold, flu, or COVID-19.

11. Increased cleaning and disinfecting will occur around the school and throughout the day, especially high touch surfaces.



12. Any incident of COVID-19 in a school will result in immediate contact by Public Health with instructions if that student and/or cohort must self-isolate, if they need to be tested and when they can return to school.