



# Turtle River School Division

## as of November 2021



### (ORANGE) – Division/School Pandemic Plan

\*Please note: subject to change based on public health guidance. This is a fluid document.

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| <b>Participants</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Students in Grades K-12 attend school fulltime.</li> <li>K to 6 Students will be placed in cohorts of a <b>maximum of 75 students</b> in their schools.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Immunization and Testing Requirements</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All staff members are required to be fully vaccinated or undergo testing up to three times per week.</li> <li><b>As of December 6, 2021 - All students ages 12 and up, must be fully vaccinated or undergo testing every 72 hours in order to participate in extracurricular sports.</b></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Symptom Screening</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff members must be in good health to attend school.</li> <li><b>If you are sick, you must stay home!</b></li> <li><b>Parents and caregivers will be expected to screen their children with the <a href="#">online self-screening tool</a> before boarding the bus or entering a school.</b></li> <li>Students and staff are required to <a href="#">self-screen</a> and stay home when they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. When exhibiting symptoms, individuals are to use the <a href="#">online self-screening tool</a> and go for testing if directed.</li> <li>Anyone who arrives at school with <a href="#">symptoms</a> as identified by Public Health will not be allowed to attend or permitted to enter school.</li> <li>Screening signs will be posted at all entrances to the school.</li> <li>There will be screening protocols for all people entering a school or division building.</li> <li>If a student develops symptoms while at school, they will be isolated in a pre-determined isolation space. A medical mask will be provided to and worn by the student who becomes symptomatic, unless there are safety issues that prevent the student from wearing a mask.</li> <li>Parents will have to prepare and plan for emergency care needs if their child becomes ill/sick and is required to be away from school during their illness time.</li> <li>The parent/caregiver of a child who becomes ill will be notified to come and pick them up immediately and will use the <a href="#">online self-screening tool</a> and go for testing if directed (parents may contact Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 if they have questions).</li> <li>Staff who become symptomatic while at school are to isolate themselves and contact their supervisor immediately and will use the <a href="#">online self-screening tool</a> and go for testing if directed.</li> <li>A chronic and stable cough, sneeze, runny nose or nasal congestion that is unchanged and clearly linked to a known medical condition such as asthma or allergies is not an absolute requirement for exclusion. Changing or worsening of chronic symptoms requires isolation. Staff should exercise judgment related to symptoms but, when in doubt, err on the side of caution, exclude the child and advise the parent/caregiver to contact Health Links – Info Santé or their health care provider.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Masks &amp; Mask Breaks</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At this time, <b>masks are mandatory for all students, staff and visitors</b> while indoors and while riding the bus.</li> <li>• Mask breaks can occur with physical distancing of 2 metres. Masks can be removed outside.</li> <li>• Schools will provide masks to students and staff who need them throughout the school year.</li> <li>• Staff members who move between cohorts will wear medical masks and change them when moving between cohorts.</li> <li>• For further information on mask use, refer to <a href="http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/">www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/</a>.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Scheduling/Timetabling</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K- Grade 8 In-Class Learning, every day, will focus on Core Areas with other subjects integrated with recovery learning.</li> <li>• Grade 9-12 students will be in-class everyday where room allows for 2 meters spacing between students.</li> <li>• <b>Turtle River School Division feels it has the space in our buildings to support our students from K-12 all day, every day.</b></li> <li>• If spacing is not able to accommodate the 2-meter spacing, other options would be considered to grades 9-12 students attending every day.</li> <li>• Virtual Learning using technology will be emphasized when and if this spacing cannot be provided.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Instructional Programming</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are in full-time class learning.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Ventilation</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is less likelihood of transmission in well ventilated environments.</li> <li>• Schools and the division will follow the strategies below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ School gymnasium ventilation systems will be on at all times.</li> <li>➢ Schools will open doors and exterior windows as much as possible. Doing so for a few minutes at a time improves ventilation while typically having little impact on air temperature.</li> <li>➢ Schools and divisional personnel will focus on maintaining ventilation and will continue to ensure all mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are working properly and running to the greatest extent possible.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>Assessment and Reporting</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers will use their professional discretion to determine appropriate formative and summative assessment practices for the learning context.</li> <li>• Reporting will occur as per division processes and regularly scheduled reporting periods identified on the TRSD school calendar for 2021-2022.<br/><a href="https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/docs/report_card/full_doc.pdf">https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/docs/report_card/full_doc.pdf</a></li> <li>• In the 2021–2022 school year, the Early Years Assessment (Grade 3 in Reading, and Numeracy and the Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion Lecture), and the Middle Years Assessment (Grade 7/8 Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Expository Writing, and Student Engagement) will continue.</li> <li>• There will be no Grade 12 Provincial exams during the 2021/2022 school year.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Visitors and Community Use of Schools and Spectators</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>As of November 30, 2021 – Access to school buildings by visitors/parents is being restricted to only those visitors who provide proof of vaccination and follow setup protocols.</b></li> <li>• <b>As of November 30, 2021 – Spectators who provide proof of vaccination and follow division protocols will be permitted entry in school’s dependent on capacity limits.</b></li> <li>• <b>Community use of schools is dependent on system capacities to meet Public Health Protocols and System Capacities in regards to staffing and cleaning restrictions.</b></li> <li>• Schools are also suggested to setup protocols for when parents pick up their child, where parents wait outside, and their child will be called down with their supplies to meet them outside. Parents can call the school when they arrive in order to communicate that they are there to pick up their child.</li> <li>• Schools are suggested to promote communication with parents by the use of email, telephone, and electronic means.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Classroom Configurations</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unnecessary furniture has been removed to maximize classroom floor space.</li> <li>• There will be seating arrangements in classrooms that students will be expected to follow.</li> <li>• Classrooms will be configured to support physical distancing with the use of alternate spaces as needed where class sizes are too large.</li> <li>• <b>Schools will do their best to follow two metres of physical distancing but masks will still be required while students are sitting at their desks.</b></li> <li>• Each classroom has access to hand sanitizer.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Lockers and Backpacks</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of lockers should be limited or discontinued in schools.</li> <li>• They are only permitted if schools can manage crowding and flow of people.</li> <li>• Schools may be asking students to keep personal belongings in their backpacks at their desk.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Technology</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All equipment should be sanitized by school staff or students between each new user. This includes laptops, computer screens, keyboards, mice, iPads, smart boards, remotes, stylus pens, cameras.</li> <li>• Wash or sanitize hands before and after use of equipment.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports/Field Trips</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extra-curricular activities, including sports, optional programming and field trips, are suspended at this time and activities will only be allowed as following current public health recommendations and orders at the time. Sports and field trip transportation will be suspended during Orange.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Shared/Common Places</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of plexi-glass barriers will allow for safety of staff and students</li> <li>• Washrooms will be cleaned/disinfected frequently throughout the day. There will be increased time spent cleaning/disinfecting all spaces throughout the day.</li> <li>• Schools will allocate the use of washrooms to different cohorts.</li> <li>• Water bottle filling stations that are automatic may be used. All water fountains will be off limits and are shut off. The use of water bottles will be permitted.</li> <li>• Outdoor spaces and play structures can be used.</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Lunch/Breakfast Programs</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools will ensure students are distanced 2 metres in order to allow for students to eat their lunch. The use of lunch rooms will require adequate spacing and sanitation between users/groups.</li> <li>• In many schools, students may be assigned to eat lunches in their classrooms.</li> <li>• The use of microwaves will be at the schools discretion.</li> <li>• The use of school canteens are permitted if they follow appropriate provincial guidance and protocols.</li> <li>• Breakfast Programs will utilize individualized food items and/or limit how the food is distributed in order to minimize any spread of COVID-19.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Recess</b>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health advises that playgrounds and play structures are low risk for transmission. There are no specific requirements for cleaning play structures</li> <li>• Areas on playgrounds may be designated for certain grades.</li> <li>• Entry and exits will be managed to avoid congestion with staggered doors and staggered entry and exiting.</li> <li>• Ensure handwashing or hand hygiene is performed before and after recess</li> <li>• <b>Masks can be removed during outdoor play to provide a mask-free break.</b><br/><a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/sports-guidelines.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/sports-guidelines.html</a></li> </ul>                          |
| <b>Outbreak Management</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health will be responsible for responding to cases of COVID-19 and overseeing outbreak management protocols and provide direction in all public communications. More information may be found at <a href="https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html">https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html</a>.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Library</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students and staff using libraries will practice proper hand hygiene prior to entry. Library materials will be disinfected and/or quarantined prior to re-use, as applicable.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Sports / Phys-ed</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside as much as possible, students need movement.</li> <li>• Preference to outdoor activities will be given to support public health suggestions.</li> <li>• Select activities that allow for physical distancing.</li> <li>• Classroom teachers can do phys-ed.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Music/Band</b>                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music will pause wind/choral activities</li> <li>• Focus will be on percussion and string instruments/activities<br/><a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/music-guidelines.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/music-guidelines.html</a></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Shops classes (bussing/comingling)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Itinerant teacher will go to students in their perspective schools</li> <li>• Students will not travel between schools<br/><a href="https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/support/tech_career.html">https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/support/tech_career.html</a></li> </ul>  |
| <b>Cleaning</b>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed schedules will be created in order to clean when students are away from their classrooms (recess) as well as clean entrances and exits, etc...</li> <li>• Additional cleaning/sanitation will be completed by custodians.</li> <li>• Touched water fountains will be disabled. Touchless water fill stations will be permitted.</li> <li>• Lunchrooms and washrooms are disinfected frequently.</li> <li>• Teachers and EA's will help clean as time and knowledge of what requires cleaning permits.</li> <li>• Students will frequently wash/sanitize their hands throughout the day.</li> <li>• Wash your hands especially after coughing, blowing noses or sneezing, and when handling food.</li> </ul> |