



# Turtle River School Division

## September 2021



### (Yellow+) – Division/School Reopening Plan

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

<b>Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Students in Grades K-12 attend school fulltime.</li> <li>Students will be placed in cohorts of a <b>maximum of 75 students</b> in their schools.</li> <li>All staff return on September 7<sup>th</sup>. All students return on September 8<sup>th</sup> <i>(some junior kindergarten and kindergarten classes may have a staggered start)</i></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> </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>

<b>Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are mandatory for all school bus passengers, as well as the driver.</li> <li>• All passengers and drivers should perform hand hygiene before and after being on the bus.</li> <li>• If a student doesn't have a mask, one will be provided.</li> <li>• All in-town student bussing will be suspended at this time.</li> <li>• Students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school or be passengers on buses.</li> <li>• Drivers with symptoms of COVID-19 should not drive the school bus. (<a href="#">Shared Health Manitoba - Screening Tool</a>)</li> <li>• When possible and as weather permits, buses will open windows and/or roof vents to allow for increased ventilation.</li> <li>• Seating will be assigned and students will be seated with their same household.</li> <li>• Attendance of bus ridership will be kept daily for contact tracing purposes, if required.</li> <li>• Ensure there is enhanced cleaning of seats and other high-touch surfaces (e.g., windows, railings) before each new group of students attends the bus.</li> <li>• Subject to public health guidance and risk of COVID-19 transmission, additional measures for physical distancing may be required during the school year.</li> </ul>
<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>Hand hygiene</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both handwashing and hand sanitizing are options for hand hygiene. While handwashing is the preferred method of hand hygiene, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer may also be used.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all entrances. Stations will also be available at other locations throughout the school, including in each classroom.</li> <li>• Hand washing/sanitizing will occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ the start of the day and before going home</li> <li>➤ before and after recess</li> <li>➤ after going to the washroom</li> <li>➤ before eating</li> <li>➤ after getting hands dirty</li> <li>➤ after wiping nose or handling dirty tissues</li> <li>➤ after coughing, sneezing or blowing nose</li> <li>➤ before and after putting on and taking off a mask</li> </ul> </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>Arrival/Dismissal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools will stagger arrivals and departures with the use of multiple entrances/exits in order to reduce congestion and ensure students are able to maintain social distancing.</li> <li>• Students and staff members will sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Breakfast Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools may run breakfast programs as long as they maintain students 2 metres apart, reduce crowding and congestion and provide individualized packaging of breakfast items and condiments.</li> </ul>
<b>Movement of Students</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be signs posted in common areas such as entrances, classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, etc. and floor markings to help support students and staff in keeping physical distance. Directional floor markings will support student and staff movement throughout the buildings.</li> <li>• Students are permitted to move between classrooms within their designated cohorts.</li> </ul>
<b>Visitors and Community Use of Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Until further notice, access to school buildings by visitors/parents is being restricted.</b> <i>We are expecting to revisit this in October.</i></li> <li>• <b>As a result, the community use of schools is also suspended at this time.</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 so that students will be permitted to remove their masks while at their desks.</b></li> <li>• Each classroom has access to hand sanitizer.</li> </ul>
<b>Instructional Programming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students are in full-time class learning.</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. <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>

<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>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>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>Phys. Ed. And Change Rooms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Activities must follow public health recommendations and orders at the time.</li> <li>• The Division has developed reflective protocols that each school must follow as a minimum.</li> <li>• Schools will be able to develop guidelines that apply further restrictions to their individual school as they feel necessary.</li> <li>• The MHSAA has developed appropriate sports protocols and will be used as guidance.</li> <li>• The use of outdoor settings as much as possible will be utilized, as they are a lower risk for transmission of COVID-19. A more detailed document has been developed to provide guidance on how sports and other activities could be modified/adapted to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. It is available at <a href="#">Province of Manitoba - Sports Guidelines</a>.</li> <li>• Students in grades 7 to 12 will be permitted to use change rooms as long as proper guidelines and protocols are followed.</li> </ul>
<b>Music/Band</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind instruments and indoor singing are permitted.</li> <li>• Schools will assess ventilation, encourage spacing where possible and consider outdoor classrooms as weather permits.</li> <li>• Sharing of music stands and sheet music is permitted, provided good hand hygiene practices are followed.</li> <li>• Instruments, including accessories (e.g. drum sticks, mallets) should not be shared. If sharing instruments and accessories is required for equity purposes, then they will be thoroughly cleaned between users.</li> </ul>
<b>Shops Classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shops classes will resume with transportation provided again.</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 allowed, as long as the activities follow current public health recommendations and orders at the time. However, in an abundance of caution, sports and field trip transportation will be suspended for the month of September. We are expecting to revisit transportation for these activities in October.</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>

<b>Sharing toys and manipulatives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools can again allow students to share toys and manipulatives. However, we must ensure hand hygiene before and after use. However, the use of individual kits/manipulatives is still encouraged and preferred.</li> <li>• Shared play stations (e.g., water tables and sand tables) are permitted, provided good hand hygiene before and after use is practiced.</li> </ul>
<b>Lunch</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> </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></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>