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Introduction

The following is our school reopening plan based on the Government of Manitoba's announcement for September 2020 and the Red River Valley School Division Plan for Reopening document. Our staff have been busy working to make appropriate plans to allow the safe return of students in response to this next phase. The Chief Provincial Public Health Officer and School Division have provided direction and guidelines to have students return safely to school. We want to assure everyone that Starbuck School is making plans based upon the recommendations from Manitoba Health and the School Division. Our school staff are planning for the return of students to the school with the priority remaining the safety and well-being of staff and students. We sincerely appreciate the patience, co-operation and support that families have provided as we navigate these changing conditions.

Return

As per the government plan, all students at Starbuck School will be returning to school full time starting Tuesday, September 8th. Kindergartens first day will be September 9th.

Symptom and Exposure Screening

Staff are self-monitoring daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Staff who have any symptoms of COVID-19 will stay home and follow the steps recommended by Manitoba Health.

Parents and caregivers must monitor their child daily for symptoms and exposures before sending them to school. Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring their children are not displaying symptoms before sending them to school or on the bus.

A student or staff member who meets any of the exclusion criteria will not be admitted to the school and will be advised to immediately isolate and consult Health Links-Info Santé or their health-care provider. Those with symptoms should be tested. If the test is negative for COVID19, they can return 24 hours after symptoms resolve. If individuals do not get tested, they should isolate for 14 days from symptom onset, and they may return if symptoms have resolved at that time.

A chronic stable cough, sneeze, runny nose or nasal congestion that is unchanged and linked to a known medical condition such as asthma or allergies, is not an absolute requirement for exclusion. As well, children who are crying can exhibit a runny nose. Changing or worsening of chronic symptoms require isolation and contacting Health Links-Info Santé. Parents/Caregivers and Staff should exercise judgment based on the symptoms, but when in doubt, err on the side of caution and contact Health Links-Info Santé or their health-care provider.

Parents and staff will focus on monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19, as outlined in the Screening Tool and poster at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool>.

Visitor Access

Community use of schools is suspended at this time, Visitor access will be limited and managed through the school office. All doors at the school will be locked during the school day. Remote cameras with 2-way communication are being set up to allow the office to communicate with people at the doors. This may not be ready for the first day of school. If not please phone the school from the parking lot to be let in.

COVID-19 Orientation

All staff will be provided with the following orientation before the return of students to the classroom. As well all visitors to the building will be screened and will need to watch the orientation prior to entry in the building

[COVID Orientation Powerpoint](#)

Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting

Increased frequency of cleaning, disinfecting and sanitising - particularly on high-touch surfaces and in common/shared areas - is being implemented school-wide.

The school is:

- Commonly touched surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, electronic devices, chairs, desks, art supplies, toys, games, gym equipment, tools and equipment) will be disinfected frequently - at least twice daily, or more often as needed.
- Monitoring of hand-cleaning supplies will ensure an ample supply at all sinks in washroom and kitchen areas.
- Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected frequently (at least twice daily, and more often as needed) and will be used by one student at a time.
- Water fountains that are not touchless or cannot be cleaned between users are being turned off. Students and staff should bring reusable water bottles daily.

Health Canada has posted a list of disinfectants shown to be effective against COVID-19 at <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-healthproducts/disinfectants/covid19/list.html>.

Ventilation

The School has increased the outside air ratio in our ventilation system. Our system has filters, which we ensure get changed frequently, and our system is of the correct size to ensure adequate ventilation and airflow.

Handwashing/Sanitizing

Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the recommended hand hygiene practice. Staff and students will engage in frequent hand washing or sanitising, including at the following times:

- the start of the day and before going home

- before and after recess
- after going to the washroom and helping children with washroom routines
- after a diaper change (both children and staff)
- before and after preparing food
- before eating or drinking
- after getting hands dirty
- after wiping a nose or handling dirty tissues
- after coughing, sneezing or blowing nose
- after soothing a crying child
- before and after putting on and taking off a mask
- before and after being on a bus
- after cleaning tasks

School staff will help young children to ensure handwashing is done correctly.

Hand sanitiser stations are set up and available at all building access points and throughout the facility.

Respiratory etiquette will be modelled, taught and reinforced regularly. This includes coughing and sneezing into a tissue or sleeve, as well as properly and promptly disposing of any used tissues, and exercising proper hand hygiene.

Signage is posted, highly visible, and includes visual cues that remind staff and children to perform hand hygiene. (e.g., sneezing or coughing into their elbow, putting used tissues in a waste receptacle, and washing hands or using hand sanitiser immediately after using tissues)

Masks

All staff are required to wear masks.

All students in grades 4-8 are required to wear masks in the school. Since Starbuck School has multi-age grade 3/4 classroom, we are requesting that students in grade 3 also wear masks.

Grades K-2 are also encouraged to wear masks.

Non-medical masks should not be worn by anyone who:

- is unable to remove the mask without assistance (e.g., due to age, ability or developmental status)
- has breathing difficulties
- is under two years of age

Physical Distancing and Cohorts

The school is unable to meet the 2-metre social distancing recommendation due to the size of classes and classrooms. We are adopting the 1-metre minimum distancing with cohorts of students recommendation. Students will remain in one classroom, and a 1-metre distance will be instituted in the classroom configuration.

Each Cohort will be assigned a washroom for their use. These washrooms may be gender neutral with a maximum occupancy of 1 student per washroom. Each cohort will have its own entrance and exit from the school building. Hallway movement will be limited, and wall and floor signage will help students and staff maintain a 2-metre distance in hallways.

The following classroom configuration is being implemented to ensure smaller class size to allow for the 1-metre social distancing minimum.

The school is planning for 3 Cohorts:

Cohort A

Cohort A – will consist of Kindergarten (Ms Tkachyk), Grade 1/2 (Mrs. Milne), Grade 3/4 (Mrs. Burton) and Grade 5/6 (Mrs. Weurch) These classrooms will be located in the north wing of the school and enter and exit through these doors only at designated times throughout the day.

Cohort B

Cohort B – will consist of the Grade 5/6 Hockey Academy (Mrs Dureault and Ms. Ammeter) Their classrooms have been relocated to the gym and their classes will enter and exit through the main entrance at designated times throughout the day

Cohort C

Cohort C – will consist of the Grade 7/8 classes. One class (Mrs. Voth) will be located in the classrooms above the Starbuck arena. Mrs. Voth's class will use the Starbuck Arena and Main entrance. (Mr. Adamson and Mr. Legault) will be located in the south wing of the school and enter and exit through the south doors only at designated times throughout the day.

Student Arrival and Departure Times

Bussed students' arrival and dismissal times will be determined by the bussing schedule. Non-bussed students are to arrive at school at 8:50 am and will be dismissed at 3:35 pm.

Closed Campus

The school division has decided to implement a closed campus system division-wide. 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.

Recess

Recesses will be staggered by 5 minute intervals to allow for physical distancing. There will be three different recess times in the morning and afternoon.

Lunch

The lunch period will also be staggered to allow for each class time to enter and exit the building properly as well as time to eat lunch. Lunch will be eaten in student's classrooms as no lunch rooms are available.

Canteen

The canteen will not be available for student lunches or snacks. The school will still have food on hand if a student forgets their lunch. Hot lunch days will not be provided until further notice.

Microwaves

Microwaves will not be available for student lunches or snacks.

Hallway Lockers

Hallway locker use is suspended division-wide. Supplies will need to be carried with students or stored in their classroom provided space is available.

Physical Education/Health

Physical Education/Health classes will run outside, or in classrooms, parents will need to ensure students have appropriate clothing and equipment for the weather. (Runners, shorts or sweatpants, short sleeve or long sleeve shirt, sunscreen, rain jacket.)

Inter-school sports

The division has suspended inter-school sports for the time being.

Starbuck Hockey Academy

The Starbuck Arena will be locked and closed to parents this year. Parents will not be allowed to watch their children's ice time as the Starbuck Arena has taken extra precaution and is not allowing any visitors in during the day.

Students who attend the Starbuck Hockey Academy will need to enter and exit the arena through different entrances. The grade 5/6 classes will be entering through the curling rink doors and entering the dressing rooms from the arena side. The grade 7/8 classes will enter and exit the arena through the main entrance and enter the dressing rooms from the main entrance side of the arena.

Students will skate 5 days a week this year as there are no available classrooms. We are hoping that by the time our ice times are finished that we will be able to get the kids outside again and we will have more information about the state of the pandemic that we can adjust closer to March/April.

Grade 5/6 classes will store their bags downstairs and Grade 7/8's will store their bags upstairs. These rooms will need to be entered and exited one at a time.

Ice times will now be 45 minutes as we need to allow additional cleaning and sanitization of dressing rooms between sessions. (If this can be done quicker we will get more time on the ice)

Showers have been shut off at the Starbuck Arena and no showers will be allowed until further notice.

Students may be required to wear a mask while in the dressing rooms if physical distancing cannot occur.

When students are injured they will need to stay with their class and sit on the bench with their helmet on in the arena so they can be properly supervised.

****Starbuck School will continue to follow all guidelines from Manitoba Public Health and the Red River Valley School Division. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we adjust to what the new school year will look like. We can't wait to see our students on September the 8th.****

If you have any questions please feel free to call the school at (204)735-2779 or contact principal Dale Fust at dfust@rrvsd.ca