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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 the Rosenort 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, Grade 1-8 students at Rosenort School will be returning to school full time starting Tuesday, September 8th. Grade 9-10 will start on Tuesday, September 8 coming on alternating days. Grade 11-12's starting on September 9th,

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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 be isolated 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 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. Visitors please use the doorbell by the main door and an office staff will come and assist you.

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COVID-19 Orientation

All staff will be provided with the following orientation before the return of students to the classroom.

[COVID Orientation Powerpoint](#)

Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting

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

Steps the School is taking:

- 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. The bottles will be able to be filled at the water stations. **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://](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-healthproducts/disinfectants/covid19/list.html)

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Ventilation

The School has increased the outside air ratio in our ventilation system.

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 sanitizing, 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

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- 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 sanitizer 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.

Masks

All staff are required to wear masks.

All students in grades 4-12 are required to wear masks in the school when the 2 meter physical distancing cannot be met. Since Rosenort School has multi-age grade 3/4 classrooms, we are recommending that students in grade 3 also wear masks.

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 as much as possible, and a 1-metre distance will be instituted in the classroom configuration.

Each Cohort will be assigned a bathroom for their use.

Each Cohort will have their own recess time scheduled.

Each Cohort will have its own entrance and exit from the school building.

Wall and floor signage will help students and staff maintain distance in hallways.

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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 4 Cohorts:

Cohort 1

K-4 Classes

Kindergarten will use the bathroom in their classroom

Grades 1-4 will use the bathrooms in the Junior Wing

Exit and Entrance will be the Junior Wing doors.

Cohort 2

Grade 5/6 classes

The main bathrooms will be used

Exit and entrance will be the South-East back (Jr. Blacktop) of the school door.

Cohort 3

Grade 7/8

The main bathrooms will be used.

Exit and Entrance will be the South-West front of the school door.

Cohort 4

Grades 9-12

The main bathrooms will be used.

Exit and Entrance will be the Main school doors.

Bussing and Student Arrival and Departure Times

Non-bussed students are to arrive at school at 8:35 and will be dismissed at 3:20. Due to assigned seating and Covid protocols, students will not be allowed on another bus for any reason (ie: going to a friend/family members after school) until further notice.

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 at the end of the day they will not be allowed to return to the school that day. Students will not be allowed to leave for lunch and return to the school in the afternoon.

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Recess

Recess will be separated by the cohorts or by field assignments when more than one cohort is outside at a time.

Lunch

The lunch times will be arranged so that cohorts will be eating lunches at different locations than other cohort groups. Lunch recess time will have the groups in separate areas as well.

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.

Music

Choir programs are suspended in the school division. Mrs. Hildebrand will be having music classes in classrooms for grades 1-6. There will be no formal music classes for grade 7-8 at this time. High school students will be doing an independent studies music program. Private Music lessons in the school have been suspended by the school division.

Physical Education/Health

Physical Education/Health classes will run outside, in the gym, or in the classroom with equipment use and distancing guidelines in place. Students will not be allowed to use the change rooms and therefore no extra PE clothing is required at this time.

Inter-school sports

The division has suspended inter-school sports.