

SUMMARY OF HEALTH MEASURES

The Lethbridge School Division 2021-2022 Re-entry Plan contains health measures that place the safety and well-being of students and staff as a priority. Alberta Health mandatory and recommended health measures were reviewed. Additionally, the plan considered the local context and breadth of parent perspectives voiced to the Board prior to finalizing the plan. The plan is fluid and will change according to local context (COVID-19 conditions and stakeholder feedback), as well as Alberta Health and Alberta Education recommendations. On Sept. 15, 2021, the Government of Alberta announced new temporary health measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19. For schools, that included mandatory masking for students in grades 4 and up, plus staff and teachers in all grades

ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES: HVAC SYSTEMS , OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, ENHANCED CLEANING

SCREENING FOR ILLNESS AND STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

MANAGEMENT OF SYMPTOMATIC INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVIDUALS TESTED FOR COVID-19

HAND HYGIENE AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

RESPONDING TO ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

TRANSPORTATION PROTOCOLS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALBERTA HEALTH CMOH ORDER 34-2021

CONSIDERATION OF AGE FOR VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY AND STRATEGIES TO LIMIT SPREAD OF COVID-19 ACROSS SCHOOL/STAFF POPULATIONS

Visitors to the School (including all staff who are not part of the school staff): screening, sanitization, masks

No large group gatherings inside the building

Elementary

All students are under age 12 and not eligible for vaccination

Middle School

Some students are under age 12 and not eligible for vaccination

High School

All students are over age 12 and eligible for vaccination

No large group outdoor gatherings

Regular Class Schedule

- Students in natural cohorts by grade and class; can combine classes for activities up to 50 students

Regular Class Schedule

- Students in natural cohorts by grade class (dyads) except any options with combined grades/ classes

Regular Class Schedule

Masks

Students will be required to wear masks entering the school, leaving the school, and in common gathering spaces inside the school (e.g. hallways, washrooms).
CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS: When students are out of their assigned seating plan engaged in close-contact interactive activities, they will be asked to wear a mask. When students are working independently in their assigned seating, they are permitted to remove masks. Wearing masks in outdoor spaces will not be required. Students will wear masks in mixed cohort groups at all times in middle school when students are combined from multiple groups.
 In support of the Division's perspective that masks are a mitigation strategy, all staff will be role models and wear masks entering and exiting the building and in common gathering spaces in schools and other Division buildings (e.g. hallways, washrooms, cafeteria). Staff must wear masks when in close contact with students or other staff. Staff are permitted to remove masks when at their own work station, physically distanced from students and/or co-workers.

Co-curricular/Extra-curricular Activities

All students are under age 12 and not eligible for vaccination

Some students are under age 12 and not eligible for vaccination

All students are over age 12 and eligible for vaccination