

2020-21 Re-Opening School Plan

Sprucewood Colony School

As we prepare to re-open schools on September 8, 2020 in Beautiful Plains School Division, we continue to prioritize the safety, health and well-being of our communities by doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. With the advice from our Chief Medical Officer and Manitoba Education, Sprucewood Colony School is planning to maximize health and mitigate risk proportionate to the level of COVID-19 infection determined by Manitoba Health.

As we continue to live in an unprecedented time with the pandemic, this plan assists in navigating responses to possible questions for the upcoming school year. **All levels support continued learning for students in BPSD for the 20-21 academic school year.** Our school plan provides some specific details regarding the school day structure. For additional information on practices such as cleaning protocols, helpful definitions (ex. Physical distancing, cohorts, blended learning), and the [BPSD screening tool](#) you can refer to our BPSD Restoring Safe Schools document found on our divisional website.

On July 30, 2020, the [provincial announcement](#) indicated that level 1 will be followed based on MB public health guidelines for September. Announcements regarding any changes to levels will be posted on the BPSD website.

MB Education Response Levels	
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All K-12 students return for in-class learning. Grade 9-12 students will be in-class to the greatest extent possible. Blended learning for high school students may vary from school to school
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-8 students are prioritized for in-class learning Grade 9-12 will participate in teacher-led remote learning, with limited use of school facilities for specific programming and assessment.
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote learning in place for all grades, Schools are closed to the public with the exception of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students of critical workers

Welcoming Our Students Back

September is fast approaching and the staff is getting excited about seeing our students again. We know it will be a challenging start to the year but working together we will overcome the obstacles put in our path and persevere. We are looking forward to a great year full of flexibility, understanding, and growth.

Requirements for Student/Staff Attendance

Students and staff must be in good health to attend school. Before leaving for school each day, parents need to use the BPSD MB Covid-19 Screening Tool using the following guidelines:

- If a student/staff shows any symptoms, they must stay home
- Students are expected to notify the school if they are feeling ill at school; for any students who start showing any symptoms at school, parents will be contacted and students will need to go home
- Students need to remain at home until there are no symptoms and they have been advised it is safe to return
- Staff will be greeting students at the door for classroom entry to screen for any visible physical symptoms
- Students/staff must self-isolate for 14 days if they have travelled outside MB excluding western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrance Bay. Please contact the school to indicate the reason for absence.
- Students will need to stay in assigned area unless directed otherwise by staff
- Any person who will be working within social distancing guidelines (2m) will be required to wear a mask as required by Manitoba Health)
- Please refer to BPSD student attendance expectations on the Beautiful Plains School Division website for additional information

Reporting and Contact Tracing for Covid-19

If a person in the household has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they are required to consult [Health Links](#) and follow their directions. In the event that a student or household member reports that they have received a positive test for COVID-19:

- The parent/guardian will immediately advise the school principal, who will then notify the superintendent
- To facilitate contact tracing, we record attendance regularly and accurately. This includes maintaining a daily log of all visitors and itinerant staff who access the building
- As required by public health, we will provide contact information for other students or staff who are “close contacts” of the individual receiving the positive test result
- Public health officials will communicate with close contacts and advise the wider school community. As a school, we are not permitted to communicate this information without specific direction from public health officials
- Contact tracing involves identifying the contacts of a positive case and contacting those individuals who may have been exposed.
- Public health will identify cohorts/groups of staff, students, volunteers, and visitors in the school for a specified timeframe and contact students, staff, and families if they have been in close contact with a confirmed/probable cause to determine whether they need to self-isolate or self-monitor and when they can return to school
- Public health will recommend testing to staff, students, volunteers, and visitors who may have been exposed to a positive case and assess the need for the school to be closed for a period of time

- We will clean and disinfect areas where exposures took place; these areas will not be used until they are determined to be safe.
- If there is an outbreak at a school, this will be announced through Manitoba media bulletins and public health will provide instructions to those who have been in close contact.

Personal Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Please help us teach our students about proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette. You can do this at home:

- MB Public health recommends masks as an additional layer of protection for all people. Students in Grades 4-12 and adults are required to wear a mask when they are unable to practice social distancing of 2 meters.
- Remind them to wash their hands with soap and water regularly and especially
 - After coughing or sneezing
 - Before and after eating
 - After toilet use
 - When hands are visibly dirty
- Ensure they cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or into their sleeve. Throw out tissues in the garbage and then immediately wash hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Remind students to avoid touching face (eyes, nose mouth) with unwashed hands
- We have hand sanitizer available at our entrances and around the school. Please remind your child to use the sanitizer when entering and leaving the school and classroom
- Staff presenting symptoms at school will go home immediately. In the case of students presenting symptoms, parents will be contacted and students will be sent home. If no adult can be located, the student will be re-located to the isolation room (Art room)

Student Well-Being

Student and staff well-being is a priority for us as we navigate through this pandemic together. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please contact the school and we will work with your family to provide the resources and assistance as best we can. For general information on mental health and well-being, our [divisional website](#) has a list of online resources that are being updated regularly.

Beautiful Plains School Division Priorities

- Well-Being of students, families and staff
- Maintaining connections between school staff and students
- Prioritizing literacy and numeracy focusing on essential outcomes

Details	September 2020
School Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to be able to trace contact of students, staff, and outside persons, all visitors and students will use main doors. • Please use the hand sanitation station provided upon entry • All visitors must report to Mr. Jeffrey, or designate if he is away from the building for the day, upon entrance of the building in order to sign in. • Any person who will be less than 2 meters from a student will be required to wear a mask according to Manitoba Education guidelines
Movement of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students have a designated area in the school. Other areas of the school will be avoided as much as possible. • When moving about the school please walk along the right hand side of the hallways in order to allow as much social distancing as possible. • Regular in-class movement breaks, recess, and Phys. Ed classes will continue. • Indoor or outdoor non-contact sports (e.g., tennis, soccer) may occur with physical distancing during the play, except for brief exchanges of close contact as recommended by Public Health and MB education. <p>After collaboration with the colony, any field trips that occur will be entirely voluntary and accompanied by appropriate parental permission. Enhanced planning for field trips will ensure that all public health guidelines are met.</p>
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our classroom arrangements support physical distancing for at least 1m in grades K-3, and 2 meters in Grades 4-8. High school students are required to wear a mask (provided by the student) if they are less than 2 meters apart. Grade 4 students will need a mask (provided by the student) during guided lesson times. Teachers will be required to wear a mask when working with students for prolonged periods of time when social distancing guidelines cannot be met. • Outdoor spaces will also be used when possible • Hand sanitizer or hand washing will be used for entry and exit from the classroom • All high contact surfaces (door knobs, chairs, desks, light switches) will be cleaned before lunch and before the end of the day

<p>Instruction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-contact time is being prioritized • We are focusing on teaching outcomes rather than the amount of time per subject (a cross-curricular approach is recommended) • Based on MB education’s guidelines, we are prioritizing essential outcomes in literacy and numeracy in all areas • Mb essential outcomes can be accessed at https://sites.google.com/a/manitobarurallearning.org/mrlc/tools-and-resources • Gym and music classes will continue with playing and learning outdoors encouraged as much as possible. Any equipment that must be shared will be sanitized between classes • Teachers will be preparing blended learning environments for possible class cancellations • We hope to use Zoom for our blended learning platform with classes or groups of students attending the Zoom lesson under the supervision of a colony member
<p>School Supplies and Personal Belongings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students supplies will be labeled with their name and organized into personal containers • It is being strongly recommended by MB Health that you send your child with a non-medical mask when the mask can be removed independently. • For any materials that need to be shared, students will hand wash/sanitize before and after use. Materials will also be sanitized after use