



École Laurier Jr. Kindergarten to grade 8



School reopening contingency plan Caution (Yellow)

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

Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are required to be in attendance unless they are medically advised not to attend. • Jr. Kindergarten to grade 8 students are considered one cohort. • All staff return on September 7th. • Students in Kindergarten to grade 8 return on September 8th. • Jr. Kindergarten program will begin September 13th • Laurier PlayZone daycare operates within the school.
Symptom Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff must be in good health to attend school. • Anyone (e.g., staff, attendees and students) with symptoms as identified by Public Health will not be allowed to attend and will not enter school. • Students and staff are required to self-screen and stay home when they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. When exhibiting symptoms, individuals are to use the online self-screening tool and go for testing if directed. • Parents and caregivers will be expected to screen their children with the online self-screening tool before boarding the bus or entering a school. • Screening signs will be posted at all entrances to the school. • There will be screening protocols for all people entering a school or division building. • If a student develops symptoms while at school, they will be isolated in a predetermined 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. • 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. • The parent/caregiver of a child who becomes ill will be notified to come and pick them up immediately and will use the online self-screening tool and go for testing if directed (parents may contact Health Links at 204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257 if they have questions). • Staff who become symptomatic while at school are to isolate themselves and contact their supervisor immediately and will use the online self-screening tool and go for testing if directed. • 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.

Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthday parties, catechism, daycare drop-off, and transportation for in-town students will be suspended at this time. • Students with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school or be passengers on buses. (Shared Health Manitoba - Screening Tool) • Drivers with symptoms of COVID-19 should not drive the school bus. (Shared Health Manitoba - Screening Tool) • All passengers and drivers should perform hand hygiene before and after being on the bus. • Masks are mandatory for all school bus passengers, as well as the driver. • If a student doesn't have a mask, one will be provided. • When possible and as weather permits, open windows and/or roof vents to allow for increased ventilation. • Assign seats so the same students are seated in the same seats every day for regular bus routes. • Attendance of bus ridership will be kept daily for contact tracing purposes, if required. • 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. • Subject to public health guidance and risk of COVID-19 transmission, additional measures for physical distancing may be required during the school year.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks offer an added layer of protection, especially for indoor public spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained. • At this time, masks are mandatory for all students, staff and visitors while indoors and while riding the bus. Mask breaks can occur with physical distancing, 2 meters to the greatest extent possible. Masks can be removed outside. Public health officials will continue to monitor closely and will adjust guidance as needed. • Schools will provide masks to students and staff who need them throughout the school year. • For further information on mask use, refer to www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/.
Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all entrances. Stations will also be available at other locations throughout the school, including in each classroom. • Hand washing/sanitizing will occur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ the start of the day and before going home ➤ before and after recess ➤ after going to the washroom ➤ before eating ➤ after getting hands dirty ➤ after wiping nose or handling dirty tissues ➤ after coughing, sneezing or blowing nose ➤ before and after putting on and taking off a mask
Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is less likelihood of transmission in well ventilated environments. • Schools and the division will follow the strategies below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The most important measures to ensure proper school ventilation to mitigate the transmission of infectious diseases depends on the characteristics of the particular setting.

Ventilation con't	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opening doors and exterior windows when possible is recommended. Doing so for a few minutes at a time improves ventilation while typically having little impact on air temperature. ➤ 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.
School Day Structure	
Timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular scheduling • Use of additional spaces as needed (e.g. Library, lunch room, student lounge, gym)
Arrival/Dismissal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered arrivals and departures (AM arrival – students walking to school or being dropped off, Colleen’s bus, Debbie’s bus. PM departure – Debbie’s bus, Colleen’s bus, students walking home or being picked up) • Students who normally walk to school or those students who will be dropped off, are to arrive between 8:40 and 8:45 am. They will be dismissed after the school buses leave in the PM. • Use of different entrances/exits to limit congestion (Grade 4-8 use front entrance, Jr. K to grade 3 use North-East entrance) • Hand wash or hand sanitize when entering and exiting the school.
Breakfast Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast program may be able to start September 20th. We can continue to offer a breakfast program with necessary adjustments to ensure health guidelines are in place.
Movement of Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Until further notice, access to school buildings by visitors/parents is being restricted. • Visitors/parents will require an appointment and/or by calling ahead. Masks must be worn and screening before entry will be done by a school team member. • All visitors/parents must hand wash or hand sanitize when entering and when exiting the school. • Signing-in and out to the building is required. • Communication with parents is preferred by the use of email, telephone, and electronic means to reduce the frequency of visitors in schools. • If a parent is picking up their child, they are asked to wait outside, and their child will be called down with their supplies to meet them outside.
Academic Program	
Classroom Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary furniture will be removed to maximize open floor space. • There will be seating arrangements in classrooms that students will be expected to follow. • Classrooms will be configured to support physical distancing with the use of alternate space as needed. • Schools will be prepared to move to two metres of physical distancing if required. • Each classroom has hand sanitizer available. • K/1 and Gr. 2/3 classrooms have sinks for hand washing.

Instructional Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students are in full-time class learning.
Assessment and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will use their professional discretion to determine appropriate formative and summative assessment practices for the learning context. Reporting will occur as per division processes and regularly scheduled reporting periods identified on the TRSD school calendar for 2021-2022. https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/docs/report_card/full_doc.pdf In the 2021–2022 school year, the Grade 3 Assessment in Reading, Lecture and Numeracy and the Grade 4 Assessment in French Immersion Lecture, and the Middle Years Assessment of Key Competencies in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension and Expository Writing will continue.
School Supplies and Personal Belongings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student materials will be labeled and organized into personal containers/pencil cases. Students are to have their own labeled refillable water bottle. Water bottle filling stations that are automatic may be used. Limited locker use (Grade 4-8: coats only, K-3: backpacks and coats, Jr. K: all items will be in classroom) Locker use will be staggered to avoid congregation in hallways and allow for physical distancing. Indoor shoes will be kept in classroom on student chair. Grade 4-8 will keep backpacks under their desk. All lunch kits will be kept in classroom.
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Students will always use the same assigned device (all are numbered and documented by staff). Wash or sanitize hands before and after use of equipment.
Phys. Ed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities must follow public health recommendations and orders at the time. Choose outdoor settings as much as possible, 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 Province of Manitoba - Sports Guidelines. Students in grade 7 and 8 can use the changing room to change for Phys. Ed. classes, following physical distancing protocols.
Music/Band	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind instruments and indoor singing are permitted. Assess ventilation, encourage spacing where possible and consider outdoor classrooms as weather permits. Sharing of music stands and sheet music is permitted, provided good hand hygiene practices are followed.

Music con't	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Industrial Arts and Human Ecology (Gr. 7/8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7 and 8 students will be transported to Ste. Rose School for Industrial Arts and Human Ecology. This is subject to change based on public health recommendations,
Extra-Curricular Activities/Sports/Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 resume transportation for these activities in October.
Alternate Learning Spaces	
Shared/Common Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plexiglass barrier is to be in place for the school secretary. • Washrooms will be cleaned/disinfected frequently throughout the day. There will be increased time spent cleaning/disinfecting all spaces throughout the day. • Jr. K- grade 3 students will use the washroom by the gym and grade 4-8 students will use the washroom by front office. • Water bottle filling stations that are automatic may be used. All water fountains will be off limits and are shut off. Please send a water bottle with your child for their use. We will not be able to allow sharing of items. • Outdoor spaces and play structures can be used.
Sharing toys and manipulatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can share toys and manipulatives. Ensure hand hygiene before and after use. • Shared play stations (e.g., water tables and sand tables) are permitted, provided good hand hygiene before and after use is practiced.
Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten to grade 3 students will eat in the lunch room. • Jr. Kindergarten and Grade 4-8 students will remain in their classroom for lunch. • No Milk program at this time. • No microwave usage for students. This decision will be reviewed periodically and parents will be notified of any changes. • It is important to reinforce in children the policies of no food sharing and no water-bottle sharing. • Please ensure that your child has the necessary utensils to eat their lunch and that they can open their containers.
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public health advises that playgrounds and play structures are low risk for transmission. There are no specific requirements for cleaning play structures • Areas on playgrounds may be designated for certain grades. • Entry and exits will be managed to avoid congestion (Grade 4-8 use front entrance, Jr. K to grade 3 use north east entrance) • Ensure handwashing or hand hygiene is performed before and after recess • Masks can be removed during outdoor play to provide a mask-free break.

**Outbreak
Management**

- 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 <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html>.