



Preparing for Safe School Re-Entry

As we prepare for school re-entry Medicine Hat Catholic schools are committed to providing quality education to all of our students, supporting families and creating a warm, welcoming and safe environment for staff and students as they return to school. On July 21, the provincial government confirmed that school would be resuming in the fall under Scenario 1, near-normal daily operations with health measures in place.

A few precautions being made to keep school buildings safe include:



- Additional custodians have been hired to ensure cleaning and sanitization of high touchpoints during the entire school day
- Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in school entrances, outside every classroom and in shared spaces.
- Staff and students will be given numerous handwashing breaks (with soap and water) throughout the day
- Masks will be provided for all staff and students
- Signage and arrows will be placed throughout school buildings to direct traffic flow and assist with proper physical distancing

Detailed re-entry plans for each school will be shared on Friday, August 21.

I am concerned about my child's emotional well being. What will class look like with restrictions and health measures in place?

We believe in our staff members and their ability to adapt and foster a positive and warm environment for students even under these circumstances. Teachers are passionate and creative individuals that genuinely care about the children in their classrooms. We trust that your child's teacher will continue to educate with compassion as we navigate through the new school year. All schools will continue to receive support from our mental health capacity building team (Community Coming Together), School Liaison Workers, and school counsellors.



What learning options do I have for my child?

In-class learning with health measures in place:

It is our belief that learning in a classroom setting keeps children engaged, promotes collaborative learning, helps build relationships, develop social skills, encourages emotional, spiritual and physical wellness. It is our hope that students and families are comfortable and eager to return to the classroom with the proper health measures in place.



Learning From Home:

We understand that due to many factors such as illness, being immunocompromised, having a loved one with a health condition etc., your child may require a learning from home option for a period of time.

Here is what you can expect if your child is learning from home:

- Your child's teacher will have an online presence allowing students to access lessons, homework and learning materials from home
 - Google Classroom, Voice Thread, Remind App etc.
- Students and parents will be in regular communication with their teachers
- A division teacher will be available online daily for additional support



If your child requires learning from home, please contact your school principal

We are here to help!



We encourage parents/guardians to review our [Scenario 1 Frequently Asked Questions](#) document to help answer questions regarding school re-entry. If you have a child-specific question that is not covered in the FAQ, parents/ guardians can contact the School Board Office at 403-527-2292 or submit questions to info@mhcbce.ab.ca and we will work with you to find the best solution to support your child's needs. We can't wait to see you in class!