

Welcome Back to Andrew Mynarski V.C.

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Guide to a Safe Re-Opening



A guide to assist the safe return to school

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Welcome Back, We missed you!

The end of the last school year brought a lot of challenges and uncertainties due to COVID-19. We believe that there are many positive benefits to having our students back at A.M.V.C this fall and look forward to seeing all of you.

We also understand that there are many questions and concerns you may have in regards to a safe return. The following slides will help you to understand the steps we have taken to create the safest environment for both our students and staff. Although much of the school will look the same, we have made some changes to keep our students safe using the guidelines set out by both the Winnipeg School Division and the Province. All staff will be trained on these new protocols prior to the attendance of students.

Please note that these guidelines are subject to change to meet current health recommendations.

Before You Come to School: Role Of Families

- **Caregivers must pre screen** their child/children to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.
- Please use this link for the screening tool to be used at home:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

NOTE: ALL FAMILIES MUST ADHERE TO THE REGULATIONS ON THIS LINK

- **Pack a water bottle** with your snacks and lunch. Water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- **Masks are mandatory for staff and students**

Arrival

- Students will be assigned an entry time and door. Students will arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before their assigned time.
- Put on your mask before entering the building.
- Students will line up outside their assigned door. Students must remember to socially distance while in line.
- A staff member will greet students at the door for screening and hand sanitizing.
- Note: If you arrive late, please enter the main doors. There will be a sign in sheet that will be placed on a table outside of the office. A staff member will be there to assist you.

Assigned doors

- Grade 7 Students will use the elevator doors at the south west corner of the building.
- Grade 8 Students will use the main doors and gym doors according to the homeroom they have been assigned.
- Grade 9 Students will use the canteen doors at the north west corner of the building.
- There will be no “In” door and “out” door
- Doors will have signage and staff present to guide students.



Entering the School

- Use the assigned doors
- Answer screening questions (if you pre-screen your children this process is much shorter)
- Hand sanitize
- Walk to your assigned homeroom for the day



Cohorts

- Cohorts are groups of students that will stay in the same part of the building throughout the day. This includes the lunch hour. Students who need to stay for lunch will eat in the same room.
- Grade 7 cohorts will be rooms 202, 203, 204, 205, 206 and 207.
- Grade 8 cohorts will be rooms 119, 112, 113, 127 and the gym (rm. 101)
- Grade 9 cohorts will be rooms 121A, 121 B, 128 A, 128 B, 129 A, 129 B, 130 A and 130 B
- Students will be assigned a cohort and room number. Students will remain in their cohort and room for the duration of our school day. Subject area teachers will travel to students for instruction.

Will the classrooms look different?

- Classrooms will largely look the same.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least one meter apart, less clutter, less desks in each class, students not travelling to different classrooms for different subjects.
- Students will not be assigned a locker. Students will be given a plastic bin with a lid to keep their personal school supplies in. The bins will be kept in the classroom next to the student's assigned desk and will be sanitized at the end of each day.



Timetables

- All students will receive a timetable with their core subject areas and options listed.
- Students will remain in their assigned classrooms throughout the school day. The subject area teacher will travel to their classroom to provide instruction.
- Grade 7 and 8 students will be in classes everyday.
- Grade 9 students will be assigned in school classes 2x a week in order to maintain smaller cohorts and social distancing measures.

Options Classes

- Unfortunately students will not have a choice in their options classes, due to the protocols and guidelines all Winnipeg Schools are mandated to follow and the re-deployment of staff to cover the smaller cohorts necessary for a safe re-entry to school.
- All grade 7 and 8 students will take Art, Music and Physical Education as options.
- All grade 9 students will take Art, Lifeworks and Physical Education as options.

Learning

- All Winnipeg School Division teachers will utilize WSD assessment tools, observations and professional judgement to determine strengths, challenges and next steps in student learning.
- Targeted instruction will be crafted to meet the learning needs of your children.
- The learning focus will be on literacy, mathematics and student well being/mental health.
- All classrooms will use either Google Classrooms and/or My Blueprint to prepare for remote learning if needed.



Lunch Time

- It is recommended that students go home for lunch to provide them a movement break and a change of environment.
- Students who leave the school for the lunch hour will not be permitted back into the building until 1:15p.m. Students will need to hand sanitize and screen again upon arrival for afternoon classes.
- Students who need to stay at school for lunch will eat their lunch in their classrooms and remain in the room for duration of the lunch hour.
- Students cannot share food with anyone else.
- **There will no heat up lunches at this time.**

Appointments/Early Pick ups and Visitors

- Visitors will not be allowed into the building without a scheduled appointment. This includes parents and guardians, as we are trying to number the people we expose staff and students to.
- Please call the office and let us know if your child/children need to be picked up early. Your child/children will be notified and ready for pick up at the main doors.
- Once you arrive to pick up your child, please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside the main doors of the school.

Walking in the School

- Students will stay to the right (following the arrows on the floor) when travelling through the school.
- Staff and students will remain 6 feet apart while travelling throughout the school.



Washrooms

- Cohorts will be assigned washrooms to use throughout the day.
- Regular hand washing will be scheduled for cohorts throughout the day.
- Social distancing and spacing protocols will be used when students are waiting to enter the bathroom.
- Increased cleansing, disinfecting and sanitizing of all high touch surfaces and washrooms throughout the school will be completed.

What happens if my child is sick?

- Children who show symptoms of being ill at home **must stay home**. Please contact the school to advise us that your child will be at home for the day.
- If a student becomes ill at school they **must go home immediately** for the safety of others. The student will be isolated from others until they are picked up.
- You will be called to pick up your child immediately.
- **Students must remain at home until they can pass the screening tool (ie no symptoms or proof of a negative COVID test).**
- If a COVID case is known we will follow the directives from Manitoba Public Health Authorities and inform members of the cohort.

Bussing

- WSD Transportation is recommending you drive your own children to school if possible.
- If you require bussing or have questions regarding bussing in the Winnipeg School Division, please contact the WSD Transportation Department at 204 789-0452.
- Students will be required to wear masks and follow the safety protocols on the bus at all times.

Student Mental Health/Well Being

- Covid-19 has been tough on all of us, including our students. Student mental well being will be talked about and monitored as students return to school.
- Staff will be trained on trauma informed classrooms from Clinical Support Services
- Student Support services will be available for students within our building through our guidance counsellor
- Student Support team meetings will occur regularly to discuss and plan for the support of student mental health and well being.
- AMVC will continue to be supported by Clinical Support Services (Psychology, Social Work, Speech and Language)

General Recommendations:

- ***STAY HOME IF ILL!***
- Bring a water bottle to school. Water fountains will not be available for students.
- Masks are mandatory for all staff and students.
- Wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer multiple times a day.
- Keep 6 feet away from others.
- No sharing of items (food, water bottles, books, games, supplies, etc)

COVID-19 RESPONSE IN K-12 SCHOOLS

- The following link will outline some of the overriding principles in the return to school, along with the protocol in response to a Covid-19 outbreak at school. It also provides scenario based examples.
https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/covid_response_k-12_schools.pdf

Staff List and Emails

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Helpful Links/Resources

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- Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:
<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Pandemic%20Plan.pdf>
 - Link to WSD Pandemic Planning Framework:
<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Framework%20for%20School%20Planning%20during%20pandemic%20WEB.pdf>
 - Home schooling Information: <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/ind/homeschool/index.html>
 - Return to School Information for Parents/Guardians: https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guideforparents.pdf
 - Parent/Guardian FAQs: https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/parent_guardian_faq.pdf
 - Restoring Safe Schools: https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf
 - At Home Screening Tool: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Closing

- In closing, we want to say how excited we are to see our students back at Andrew Mynarski V.C. School.
- These guidelines are set to help best protect everyone and keep everyone safe as we return to school and resume learning.
- We are here to answer any questions you may have after reading this document. Please contact the school at 204 586-8497 if you have any further questions or concerns.
- We are looking forward to working with our students, parents/caregivers and community to make this a safe and exciting year of learning. Together we are better!