# WELCOME TO TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



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#### Welcome to New and Returning Students and Families

We have been so excited to see students arriving at school to pick up timetables, meet with guidance counsellors and schedule course changes over the last few days.

The goal of these slides is to provide you with answers to some of the many questions you may have. The Minister of Health, the Minister of Education and the Winnipeg School Division have outlined guidelines for the opening of schools on September 8, 2020.

The principle consideration is the protection of the mental and physical health and safety of students, their families and staff. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school at 204-786-1401.

#### PRIOR TO COMING TO SCHOOL

Please answer the following questions each day before sending your child to school. If you answer yes to any of the questions, your child will not be allowed to attend.

- 1. Does your child have a fever, chills, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath?
- 2. Has your child travelled outside of Manitoba in the last 14 days excluding travel to Western Canada, the Territories or Ontario west of Terrace Bay?
- 3. Has your child been in contact with someone that is confirmed to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

The full questionnaire is avaibable by following the link below:

https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/

#### WHEN TO STAY HOME

Individuals should self-isolate and not enter schools or education facilities if they:

are experiencing symptoms suggestive of COVID-19

• have travelled outside Manitoba in the previous 14 days (outside of areas excluded by public health orders, which currently exclude locations in Western Canada, the territories, and Ontario west of Terrace Bay)

• are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19

• are awaiting a COVID-19 test result (excluding persons tested as part of voluntary asymptomatic surveillance for COVID-19, as they do not need to isolate)

An up-to-date list of symptoms can be found at:

https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/about.html

#### WHAT TO BRING

- 1. School Supplies binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. There will be no sharing of supplies.
- 2. Masks are mandatory for all students, visitors and staff.
- 3. Water bottle water fountains are closed but refilling stations are open. Please bring a refillable bottle.
- 4. Lockers will not be assigned. Students will carry all belongings on their person throughout the day.

#### ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- 1. Parking: Paid student parking is on the southwest side of the school entrance is off Wall St..
- 2. Entrances: There are 3 entrances to the building north doors, south doors and east doors.
- 3. Entry Procedure: Prior to entry, put on your mask and upon entry, sanitize your hands. A staff member will ensure you are safe to enter and ask screening questions. Please complete as efficiently as possible and follow all directions.
- 4. Proceed to your class immediately. If class has not yet begun, wait quietly in the hall, distanced 2m apart, until invited into class.

#### WHILE IN SCHOOL

- Ensure that you are social distancing at 2m at all times.
- Follow the arrows and stay to the right side as you move through the building.
- Signs are posted throughout the school to help guide you as you move through the school.
- Custodians are tasked with increased cleaning and disinfecting surfaces several times per day.
- During the lunch hour, various areas within the school will be open for students to have lunch. Continue to social distance.

#### WHAT TO DO ON SPARES

- If possible, students should go home during spares.
- If it isn't possible to go home, students will be assigned to a specific work space in the building.
- Regardless of where you are during your spare, remain a minimum of 2m apart, continue to wear your mask and maintain hand hygiene.



#### PARENTS AND VISITORS

Parents, guardians and visitors may enter schools in emergency situations, or at the request of the school administrator. Anyone entering the school is required to use the screening tool and conform to all expectations of safety. Our procedures will be reviewed as public health requirements change.

The online screening tool is available at the link below: <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a>

#### GROUPINGS

Tec-Voc will be divided into two groupings based on the student's last name and will attend school every second day. Students are expected to continue learning from home on days they are not in school.

Last name from<br/>A - L\*Last name from<br/>M - Z\*Attend school<br/>on Days 1, 3, 5Attend school<br/>on Days 2, 4, 6

Subject to exceptions





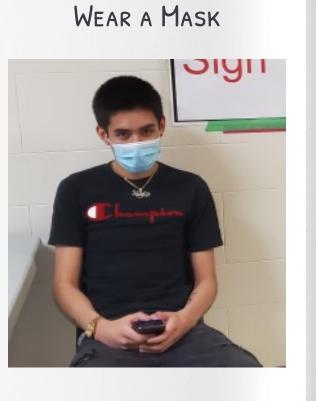
#### Covid-19 Safety Procedures

- Entry screening, hand hygiene (washing and sanitizing) and masks are required. Sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.
- Safe Covid-19 practices will be actively taught and practiced and will be required as part of the school routine.
- Increased cleaning and sanitization has been implemented of all high touch areas
- Reduced class sizes are in place to ensure 2m distancing in all areas, classrooms and vocational areas.
- Signage supporting screening, hand hygiene, mask requirements and movement throughout the building are in place.

### Covid-19 Safety Procedures

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- Any shared equipment (ie. tools, cameras, machines etc.) will be sanitized thoroughly following procedure.
- Appropriate spacing is marked in washrooms and other areas where students may congregate.
- Hallways are divided with clear signage and directions to ensure spacing.
- When possible, doors will remain open to prevent touching doors and door knobs.





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#### SANITIZE YOUR HANDS



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#### CLASSROOM SETUP WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING



Fill room from back of room to front. Exit students from front to back.

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#### Additional Cleaning Procedures

- Desks and surfaces will be sanitized at the end of each class.
- All ``high touch`` surfaces (ie. door knobs, doors, light switches faucet handles, flush handles, dispensers, water-filling stations etc.) will be cleaned constantly and multiple times per day.
- Increased monitoring of hand hygiene and cleaning products to ensure all sinks in washrooms, kitchens and classrooms are well stocked with hand washing supplies at all times.
- All shared equipment (ie. tools, photography, computer keyboards and mice, instruments, cooking utensils, gym equipment) will be cleaned and sanitized with each use.
- Additional cleaning and sanitizing of washroom toilets, sinks, faucets etc.

#### IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER BECOMES ILL

- ✓ Students who develop symptoms while at school will be isolated in a pre-determined isolation space and will be kept a distance of 2m from anyone else.
- ✓ Parents/guardians will be notified and will be requested to pick them up immediately.
- ✓ Parents/guardians will be asked to contact Health Links for further direction.
- A student may return to school once it has been determined that it is safe to do so by their health care provider and/or Public Health.
- ✓ If a student tests positive for COVID-19, Public Health will direct all subsequent procedures, contact tracing and public information with support of the school and WSD.

#### COVID-19 CASE IN SCHOOL OR OUTBREAK

#### COVID-19 Outbreak

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In the event of the confirmation of a case of COVID-19 connected with a school, public health will lead the response and ensure appropriate supports are in place to coordinate the response. Contact tracing involves identifying the contacts of a positive case and contacting those individuals who may have been exposed. Public health may:

- request records that identify cohorts/groups of staff, students and visitors in the school for a specified timeframe
- contact students, staff and families if they have been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case, and confirm whether they need to self-isolate or self-monitor, and when they can return to school

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- recommend testing following established guidelines to staff, students and visitors who may have been exposed to a positive case
- assess the need for the school to be closed for a period of time

- Schools will clean and disinfect areas where exposures took place. These areas will not be used until they are determined to be safe.
- School closure will be determined by Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education, and would be a last resort and only upon evidence of transmission among multiple cohorts.
- WSD schools will send a form letter provided by Manitoba Public Health to parents/guardians when a case is confirmed in the school, to keep families informed even if their child is not part of the affected cohort.
- 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.

#### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING

- Teachers and educational assistants will focus on supporting students during this time and are being trained for response to potential mental health and well being issues.
- ✓ Guidance counsellors will support students in consultation with their parent/guardian.
- Clinical Support Services will support students and families as needed i.e. social worker, psychologist.

### INDUSTRIAL ARTS, HUMAN ECOLOGY AND VOCATIONAL RECOVERY PLANS

✓ General guidelines are available on pages 25–27 in the WSD document "A Framework for School Planning During Covid-19 Pandemic" linked below.

<u>A Framework for School Planning During COVID-19 Pandemic</u>

#### Arts Recommendations

 We will be planning and following the recommendations outlined on pages 31-37 on the above linked document.

#### CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMING AND SPORTS

- Co-curricular programming such as after school programs, sports and clubs will be limited this year. At this time, we are unable to provide a list of programs offered as each potential program requires a vetting process prior to approval.
- ✓ Stay tuned for updates.

#### Resources

Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools - Practice Guidance and Protocols <u>https://manitoba.ca/asset\_library/en/covid/k-12-reopeningplan-guidance.pdf</u>

Parent/Guardian Frequently Asked Questions <u>https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/parent\_guardian\_faq.pdf</u>

Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools - Questions and Answers <u>https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/welcome\_students\_back.pdf</u>

WSD Framework for School Planning During COVID-19

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Documents/WSD%20Framework%20for%20 School%20Planning%20during%20pandemic%20WEB.pdf

#### Resources

Covid-19: How to wear a non-medical mask or face covering properly https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-wear-non-medical-maskface-covering-properly.html

Reduce the spread of COVID-19: Wash your hands https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/covid-19-hand-washing.html



## THANK YOU

We look forward to working with you in supporting the learning and well being of our Tec-Voc Family!

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