



Welcome Back to
École LaVérendrye
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A Guide to a Safe
Re-Opening



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Welcome Back!

Hello LaV Families,

Welcome back to school! The end of last school year was very challenging due to COVID - 19. We really missed all of you and are looking forward to seeing you soon.

The following information will help you understand the new safety rules at École LaVérendrye. Much of the school will look the same, but we do have some changes. These changes were created to help keep everyone safe and follow both the Winnipeg School Division and the Provincial recommendations.

All staff will be trained on these new protocols prior to school opening for students.



Before You Send Your Child to School

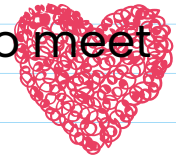
- **Caregivers must prescreen their child/children prior to coming to school each day to ensure they are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. Any student who is showing any symptoms (including runny nose, sneezing, coughing, etc.) must stay home.**
- See this link for the screening tool:
<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
- Pack a water bottle large enough for the day. Water fountains will not be operating at this time.
- Masks are **mandatory** for students & staff in Grades 4-6. The use of masks for younger students is strongly recommended.

Appointments and Early Pick Up

- Please do not come into the school to pick up your child/children
- Prior to your arrival please call the office (204) 452-5015 ahead so that we can have your child ready to go for your arrival time.
- Once you arrive, please call the office and they will be accompanied by an adult to meet you at their designated entry/ exit door.

What Happens If My Child Gets Sick

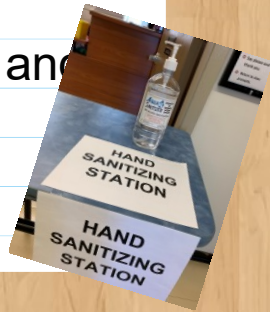
- If a student becomes ill at school they must go home immediately.
- The student will be brought to a medical room, given a mask if they don't have one and will be isolated while being monitored by a staff member.
- Parents/Guardians will be called to pick up their child immediately. Children must be picked up as soon as possible.
- Once you arrive, please phone the school and a staff member will walk the child to the main doors on Lilac to meet you.





Increased Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Our custodial staff have been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return to school. Thank you so much to all our custodial staff.
- There is an increased cleaning schedule for all high touch areas which include, frequent cleaning of doorknobs, stair rails, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.
- All classrooms also have hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.
- Hand sanitizer stands are located at each school entry point and in hallways around the school.



When Arriving at School - 8:20 am & 12:20 pm

Lining Up Outside

All students will meet their teachers in designated, physically distanced line-ups outside. Please no parents/guardians inside the school yard to help with maintaining our ability to physically distance for safety. Please see the next slide for our specific Entry/ Exit doors.



Second Screening

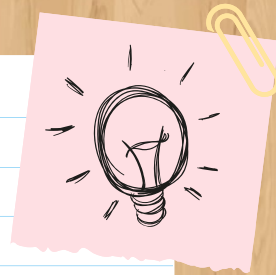
- All students will undergo a second health screening before entering the school. It is important that children are healthy and symptom free. Any student who displays any Covid -19 symptoms will need to go home. **All students will need to know that they have been screened at home prior to coming to school.**
- Exterior doors will be held open for entry and exit by an adult to minimize touch. All entry doors will be locked at 8:30 am and 12:30 pm. If you arrive late, please call the school and someone will open the doors for your child and proceed with the screening process.

Parents in the School

- As much as we wish for an open school community, at this time parent/caregivers are not to be inside the school. If you need to visit the school, please call ahead to make an appointment.

Assigned Entry and Exit Doors

- Rooms 8, 11, 12, 16, & 17 will enter/exit through the Warsaw Av. doors.
- Rooms 21, 22, 23, 26, & 28 will enter/exit through the Jessie Av. doors.
- Room 13 will meet their teacher in the garden just off the Lilac St. fence entry and enter/exit through the main doors on Lilac St.



Cohorts, Recess and Lunch Hour Time



Cohorts

- Cohorts are a group of students that will be in the same classroom, have recess together and have lunch together if they are in the Lunch Program.
- Each of our classrooms is considered its own cohort.

Recess

- Recess area options will include designated spaces on the playground. We have a maximum of six possible recess play area options. The cohort will be in that area for each of their morning, lunch, and afternoon recess breaks. Cohorts will rotate and have access to each of the areas at least 1 day per school cycle.
- We have 2 morning, 2 lunch, and 2 afternoon recesses scheduled to help with making sure each cohort has room to play outside with more than the 2 meters of physical distancing so they can play mask free.
- Public health advises that playgrounds and play structures are low risk for transmission. There are no specific requirement for cleaning play structures at this time.

Lunch Time

- If your child goes home for lunch, they will be dismissed out of their assigned door. Your child should not return to school before 12:25 pm where they should enter the school yard at their designated entry point and join their class lineup.

Lunch Program

- Students will eat in their classrooms with their school cohort.
- Students will wash their hands before and after eating and prior to and after recess time.
- **Please send only foods that do not need to be heated. Microwaves are unavailable at this time.**

Classroom Set-Up

- All classrooms have been set up to maximize physical distancing for our students.
- All students in Grades 4-6 are required to wear masks.
- Classrooms will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Students will have their own supply kits and materials.
- Soft materials and carpets will not be used in classrooms at this time.
- As much as our weather will permit, Physical Education will be taught outdoors.
- Please ensure your child is always dressed for the weather, including a hat and water bottle.

Movement in the School and Washroom Use

Our school has two defined areas to help with keeping cohorts separate. The main floor classes and Room 8 students are in “La section rouge” (red area) and the second floor classes are in the “La section bleu.” (blue area)

- Our floors and stairways are marked with the corresponding colours and directional arrows. As a PBIS school, our students are already great at travelling with their classes from place to place and are scheduled to avoid crossover / crowding with other cohorts.
- Students will be using the washrooms assigned to their school specific area.”

Movement Through The School

Reduced Movement

Students will move together with their classroom cohorts from place to place with a teacher live we normally do at LaV.

Cleaning

Cleaning will take place regularly, including washrooms, door handles and rails.

Signage

Signage for physical distancing, hand washing and direction will be highly visible throughout the school. Floors and walls have been marked with coloured directional arrows.



Dismissal

- All students who are not part of LaVCare will be organized into daycare, bus, and pick up groups before being walked outside to their line-up location.
- Students will then leave from their appropriate door and walk home or wait outside in their line-up for pick up from daycare, or bus supervisor (if busses are running).
- Students attending our LaVCare Programs afterschool program will stay in their classroom with their LaVCare Program supervisor.
- Parents are asked to wait outside the fence, physically distanced, to meet their children. (Please pre-arrange your meeting place with your children and practice prior to school opening if possible).

We are happy to welcome back our students and making sure that our students feel safe, calm and ready to learn is a priority.

- Our clinicians have partnered with staff to support students in their return to school and will also be available to support families.
- Staff will focus on supporting students who are experiencing all of the emotions and uncertainty this pandemic has created.
- Staff will continue supporting students through our Zones of Regulation, Mindfulness, and Kids-in -the Know initiatives.



**Mental Health
and Well-Being**

School Supply List for 2020-2021

patience	encouragement
flexibility	positivity
deep breaths	understanding
calmness	compassion
humor	respect
cooperation	kindness

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KIDS

Teachers have purchased bulk supplies that will then be put into individual kits. You will receive an email from the school with the link to Permission Click in order to pay for your school supplies. Each student has their own personal panier to keep their supplies easy to find and stored at the end of the day.

We ask that our Grade 4-6 students have enough personal masks for each day and an extra at school should they need to change out their mask during the day.

Helpful Links

Link to WSD Pandemic Planning:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx>

Link to WSD Pandemic Planning Framework:

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

Homeschooling 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

Thank You



These expectations may of course change. Our social media sites will be updated regularly. Call us or email at any time. We sincerely look forward to seeing our LaVérendrye Learners!

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