



Welcome Back to **HUGH JOHN MACDONALD SCHOOL**

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A Guide to a Safe Re-Opening

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WELCOME BACK!

The end of last school year was very challenging due to COVID-19. We really miss all of you and are looking forward to seeing you in a short while.

The following slides will help you understand the new safety rules at Hugh John Macdonald School. Much of school will look the same, but we do have some changes. These changes were created to help keep everyone safe and follow both Winnipeg School Division and provincial recommendations. All staff will be trained on these new protocols prior to school opening for students.

Guidelines are subject to change to meet current health recommendations.



THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FAMILIES



- **Caregivers must prescreen** 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.
- See this link for the screening tool:
<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 grades 4 and up. Masks are recommended for all students.

WHEN ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

- Students will arrive no earlier than 8:45 am.
- Put on your mask before entering the building.
- Students will enter their assigned doors as they arrive.
- A staff member will greet students at the door for screening and hand sanitizing.
- Parents/Caregivers will not be permitted inside the school at this time. If students are later than 9:00 am they will need to enter through the front doors as all perimeter doors are locked. At 9:15 am the front doors will be locked but monitored, to allow for the student entry.
- **NOTE:** If you arrive late, 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 First day of school students will meet their teachers outside on basketball court.

Team Wisdom Enter and exit through the front Bannatyne doors.

Team Courage Enter and exit through the Sunroom doors.

Team Humility Enter and exit through the Kate Street doors.

Eagles' Circle Enter and exit through front Bannatyne doors proceed to rooms 101 and 102.

EAL

Room 303 Enter and exit through the Kate Street doors.

Room 301 Enter and exit through front Bannatyne doors.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL

- Use assigned doors.
- Answer screening questions (if you pre-screen your children this process is much shorter).
- Walk straight to your classroom where your teacher will be there to greet you.
- Sanitize hands upon entry.
- **NOTE:** The Hugh John Macdonald staff may look a bit different. We will all be wearing masks to help keep everyone safe.



COHORTS



- Cohorts are groups of students that will stay in the same part of the building. A class of students is considered a cohort.

Cohorts:

Team Wisdom: 2nd Floor

Team Truth: 3rd Floor (south wing)

Team Courage: 3rd Floor (north wing)

Eagles' Circle: 1st Floor (Rooms 101 & 102)

CLASSROOM SET-UP

- All classrooms have been set up to maximize physical distancing.
- Some modifications are necessary to keep everyone safe. These include: seating at least 1 meter apart.
- Classrooms and materials will be sanitized daily.
- Students will have their own supply kits and materials.
- Please ensure your child is always dressed for the weather as classes will be going outside regularly.



BREAKFAST / LUNCH

- We offer daily breakfast at no charge. Breakfast is served in the classrooms.
- Our Cafeteria will serve a daily hot lunch to go. Tickets can be purchased for \$3 per lunch.



WALKING THROUGH THE SCHOOL

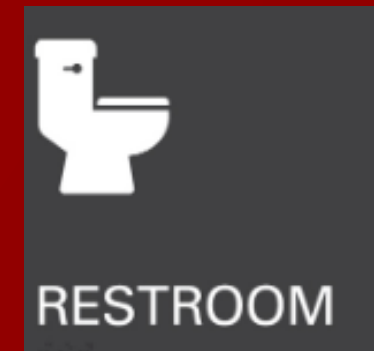
REDUCED TRAFFIC

- As much as possible, all traffic in the hallways will be limited.
- Signs and directions will be clearly posted



WASHROOMS

- A limited number of students will be allowed in the washrooms at a time.
- Spots on the floor will be marked to wait for the washroom if in use.
- There will be a system to monitor if the washroom is in use.



INCREASED CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

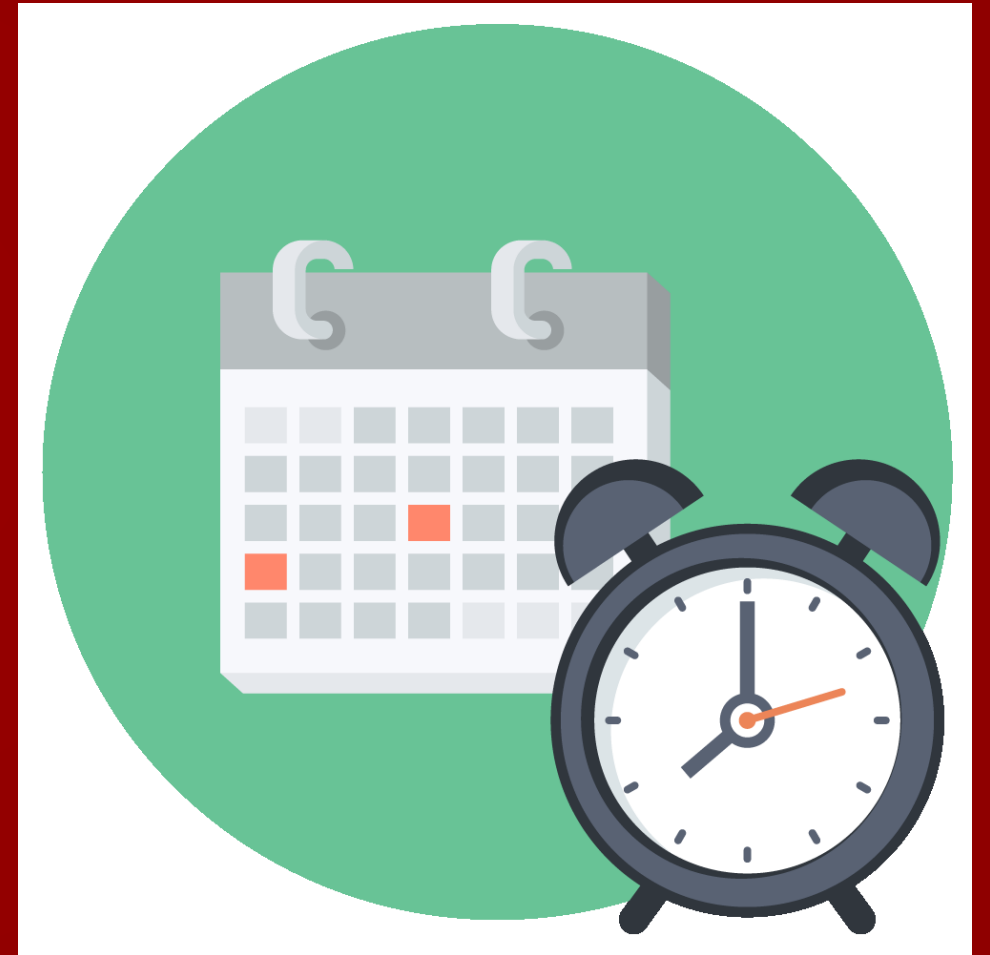


- Our custodians have been working very hard over the summer to make sure we are ready for a safe return.
- The custodians have an increased cleaning schedule which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.
- All classrooms will have sanitizer and cleaning supplies as well.



STUDENT APPOINTMENT OR EARLY PICK-UP

- Please do everything possible to ensure that your child is on time, in order to follow all of the arrival steps.
- Call the office and let the office staff know if your child/children need to be picked up early so we can have them ready. 204-786-5631.
- Once you arrive please call the office and a staff member will ensure a safe meet up outside of the school.



WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD GETS SICK AT SCHOOL

- If a student becomes ill at school Parents/Guardians will be contacted and student will go home until they are better.
- Families are recommended to contact Health Links or their doctor
- Students must remain at home until they can pass the screening tool (i.e. no symptoms)
- If a COVID-19 case is known we will follow directive from Manitoba Public Health Authorities.



STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- This has been a challenging time for everyone, including our children. 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.



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.
- All classrooms will use Google Classrooms



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS:



- Stay home if ill.
- Bring a water bottle.
- Masks are mandatory for staff and students grades 4 and higher. Masks are recommended for all students.
- Wash your hands with soap multiple times a day (e.g. start and end of the day, when using washrooms, before food prep/eating, when they are dirty, after wiping your nose, etc.).
- Hand Sanitizer is also available at the school.
- Everyone must follow the social distancing guidelines to keep everyone safe.

HELPFUL LINKS/RESOURCES

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>

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/Gaurdian 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/>

THANK YOU



In closing, we want to say how excited we are to see our students. These expectations may of course change. Our social media sites will be updated regularly.

These guidelines are set to best protect everyone and keep everyone safe. We realize that some of these restrictions are not normal. We wish everyone a safe and exciting year of learning!. We sincerely look forward to seeing our Hugh John Macdonald Learners!