

École secondaire Kelvin High School Welcoming Our Students Back Fall School Opening Guide 2021-2022

# **Covid Protocols**

- Self-screening protocols are to be practiced and completed prior to attending school each day
- All students, staff and visitors will be screened upon entering the building prior to 9:00AM
- Mandatory mask wearing, hand hygiene practices and physical distancing will continue to be followed
- Cleaning and disinfecting will focus on high-touch surfaces and common areas throughout the day.
- Touchless water fountains are available for student use, however we encourage students to bring their own water bottles with them daily
- Proper hand hygiene practices, sanitization practices will be implemented when students are required share materials
- Masks will be mandatory for all staff, students and visitors in all areas of the school
- The school library, gymnasium facilities and cafeteria will be open for use

# Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing will continue to be practiced to the greatest extent possible.
- Seating plans will be utilized in classrooms
- Directional flow will be utilized to manage people in common areas and to minimize crowding.

#### **Illness Procedures/Covid Testing**

- Any person that is symptomatic of Covid-19 as per the self screening criteria are to follow the provincial protocols re: testing and/or isolation guidelines
- Any person who is symptomatic is not to attend school in any capacity and is encouraged to be tested for Covid-19 (even if vaccinated)
- At this time, Public Health Orders state that siblings/household members must isolate pending testing results or if a household member is a close contact to a confirmed case of Covid-19
- Health links-Info Santé will provide the most up-to-date direction for vaccinated household members (1-888-315-9257)
- If students become ill or develop symptoms during the school day, they will be immediately isolated in our isolation area. A parent/guardian will be contacted to arrange range for student to be picked up

#### Vaccinations

- Front-line provincial employees must be fully vaccinated by October 31, 2021, or be regularly tested, including education providers, teachers, assistants, bus drivers, maintenance staff, clerical staff and volunteers
- Grades 6-12 'catch up' immunization campaigns will start in schools in fall Communication from Public Health will go directly to families that are eligible
- Public Health has announced that students with birthdays in 2009 are now eligible for Pfizer & Moderna vaccines

### Music/Band/Choral

- Music, Band and Choral classes will be permitted to resume this year
- Further information on safety protocols will be provided to those students/families involved

#### Sports

- Provincial sports organizations will support our return to play planning for all high school athletics and sports teams
- Please see the following link for up to date information from the province on Sports Guidelines

https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/sports-guidelines.html

• The WSD has approved *Return to Train* protocols at this time following the guidance of individual sports organizations

### **Field Trips**

• The WSD is in the process of developing a procedure and protocol for resuming field trips. Information will be provided when available

#### Visitors/Volunteers

- Visitors and Volunteers are required to wear masks and adhere to all Covid-19 Public Health orders
- Visitors/Volunteers will be required to complete the screening process upon entering the building
- Volunteers must complete the WSD Volunteer package prior to working with students
- Volunteers must be fully vaccinated by October 31st, 2021

#### Lockers

- Lockers will be unavailable at the beginning of the school year. This will be reassessed as the school year proceeds
- Students are encouraged to minimize the belongings that they bring to school each day and have with them only items required

### Lunch Hour

- All students will be encouraged to return home for the lunch hour if possible
- The cafeteria, gymnasium, school library and designated classrooms will be open for use to allow maximum distancing of students who remain in the building at lunch
- Students who remain in the building for lunch will not have access to microwaves
- Cafeteria food services will resume for students beginning Monday, September 13th. Pre-Packaged food items will be available for purchase

# **Additional Resources**

- Restoring Safe Schools <a href="https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html">https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html</a>
- Restoring Safe Schools: Guide for Parents

https://www.manitoba.ca/asset\_library/en/covid/k12-GuideForParents-aug2021.pdf

- Screening Tool <a href="https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/">https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/</a>
- Focus on the Fundamentals

https://manitoba.ca/covid19/fundamentals/focus-on-the-fundamentals.html

• Vaccine Information https://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/vaccine/index.html

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