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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2020

The comprehensive plan for the return to school in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic was developed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in cooperation with Public Health.
The purpose of the plan is to provide schools and families with guidance on the return to school. The objective is to **limit the possible spread of COVID-19, while ensuring access to quality education and student services.** A guide for parents and the public has been published, and each school has an operational plan.

WHO HAS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Full-time learning for all students will start when they return to school in 2020. Students from kindergarten to Grade 8 will learn at school, while high school students will learn both at school and at home. Class time will vary by grade and school.

The learning objectives **set out in the curricula are compulsory during the 2020-2021 school year.** Teaching staff will support and assess students on their achievement of the learning outcomes.

IF MY CHILD IS AT RISK BECAUSE OF A MEDICAL CONDITION

- **Consult your doctor** to find out whether or not your child should go to school.
- **If your child cannot attend school because of a physical or mental health issue,** a learning plan will be developed for your child by his or her teacher and an educational support specialist.

BEFORE SENDING MY CHILD TO SCHOOL

- ☑ Take your child's temperature before leaving for school.
- ☑ If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, **you must keep your child at home and call 811.**
- ☑ If your child is healthy and has no symptoms, **you may send your child to school.**
- ☑ **Make sure your child has a clean mask to take to school.**
- ☑ A sick child or an individual with symptoms of COVID-19 **may not return to school until he or she has fully recovered.** Public Health will let you know when the isolation period is over.

A child or an individual who has seasonal allergies or suffers from chronic nasal congestion or runny nose is allowed to return to school.



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HOW WILL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED WHEN SCHOOL STARTS?

There will likely be **changes to school transportation routes and schedules** to allow for physical distancing and **to prevent students from gathering at the same locations and at the same times.**

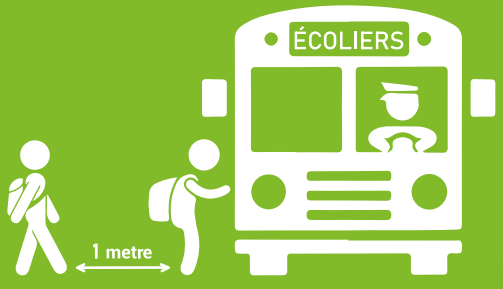
M>5 **1** or **2 students from the same family per seat** to comply with physical distancing **when masks are not worn.**

6>12 **1** or **2 students from the same family per seat wearing masks** when they get on and off the bus. Students may remove their mask if sitting alone or with a family member.



When physical distancing is not possible, **students must wear a mask.**

School transportation services are being adapted to ensure compliance with these measures.



WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL?

- **Students and school personnel** as defined in the Education Act (visiting teachers, district personnel, volunteers, and other resource persons).
- Visiting teachers and school personnel working in more than one school **will have to follow additional protocols.** The school district will try to reduce the number of schools visited by these employees.
- **Any person authorized by the principal** (repair work, emergencies, social workers, etc.).
- **Certain inspectors,** such as representatives of WorkSafeNB and Public Health, **may conduct ad hoc checks.**
- **Community use of schools is suspended until further notice.**
- **Group meetings and other large school events will take place virtually.**

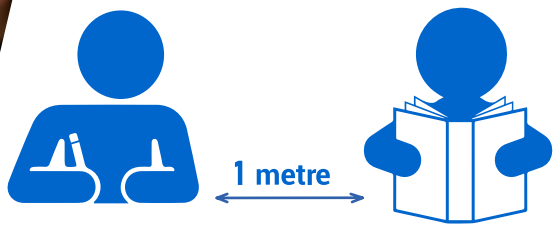
MAY I VISIT MY CHILD'S SCHOOL?

- Drop-in or unplanned visits by parents **will be limited and will not be encouraged.**
- **Virtual or telephone contact will be the main means of communication.** If an in person meeting is necessary, it must comply with health and safety guidelines. **The school's operational plan may require masks.**



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HOW WILL LEARNING TAKE PLACE DURING THE PANDEMIC?

The prescribed learning objectives **will be compulsory for the 2020-2021 school year.** The curriculum will ensure that essential outcomes are achieved.

All available spaces conducive to learning and school life will be used to support learning (outdoor spaces, community spaces, spaces in the home, etc.).

- **It is possible that classes or groups of students from different grades will be combined.**
- **Reconfiguration of common spaces** to ensure physical distancing among groups of students but also between students and adults.
- **Schedules adjusted to reduce congestion inside and outside schools** and to ensure compliance with student bubbles or physical distancing (recess, lunch, student pick-up and drop-off, etc.).



Equipment shared by students (computers, electronic devices, sports equipment, musical instruments, etc.) **will be cleaned or sanitized between uses**.

- **If it is not possible to clean and sanitize equipment, it must be used by only one student or not used at all.**

HOW WILL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE?

- Individual activities or with more space between students and school personnel to allow for physical distancing.
- **Kindergarten to Grade 8:** Students divided into class groups (bubbles). Physical distancing is not required within bubbles.
- **High school:** Students must maintain a physical distance of 1 metre in the classroom, 2 metres outside the classroom or 1 metre with a mask.
- **Educational teams in the school districts and the Department have worked to identify learning to be prioritized if moving from one phase to another were to affect the fluidity of learning or the delivery of educational services.**

  Learning will be compulsory, and student progress will be assessed.

*Students in Grades 9 to 12 w**ill use various digital platforms for their collaborative work and their learning, both at school and remotely,** when they return to school in 2020.*

The BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program** established by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) encourages them **to bring their own technological tools to school.

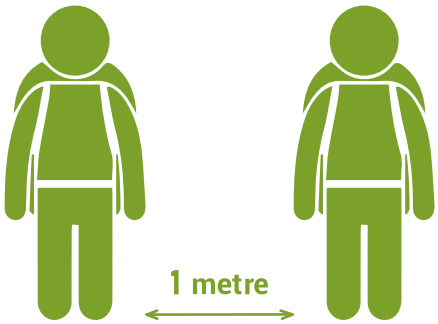
*Eligible families can **submit an application through the online portal for parents.** Further information about the BYOD program **will be sent directly to families, who may also call** 1-833-533-3664 (TOLL FREE).*





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HYGIENE AT SCHOOL?

Use of sanitizers authorized in Canada.

Staff training on how to use these products.

Cleaning and sanitizing high-touch surfaces and objects (door handles, handrails, educational materials, etc.) at least twice a day and when they are not clean.

Objects that students put in their mouths **must be rinsed with water after being cleaned or sanitized.**

There will be one or more hand sanitizing stations per common space depending on the size of the space.

WHEN MUST HANDS BE WASHED?

To prevent the virus from spreading, school personnel and students must wash their hands with soap and water frequently.

School staff must wash their hands in the following situations:
- before and after handling food
- after helping a child use the washroom
- after breaks
- before and after administering medications.

BEHAVIOUR AT SCHOOL

- Avoid **close greetings** (e.g., hugs and handshakes).
- Students in Grades 6 to 12 **will have to sanitize their desks and chairs after each class.**
- The number of students **going to the washroom at the same time** is limited.
- **School personnel must maintain a physical distance of two (2) metres amongst themselves.**
- Groups of students (bubbles) must maintain a physical distance of two (2) metres from other groups (bubbles). Outside the bubbles, students must maintain a physical distance of two (2) metres or one (1) metre if wearing a mask.
- School staff must ensure that students wash their hands before and after recess.
- Water fountains will not be used. When using refill stations, **make sure your water bottle does not come in contact with the tap.**
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or cover your mouth and nose with a disposable tissue. **Dispose of used tissues immediately, and wash or sanitize your hands.**
- **Students and school personnel must wash their hands in the following situations:**
  - when they arrive on the premises (sanitizing is acceptable)
  - before and after meals
  - after using the washroom
  - after blowing their nose or coughing or sneezing
  - after sharing toys, a common object, or learning materials
  - before and after taking medication
  - after playing outdoors.



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HOW TO WASH YOUR HANDS CORRECTLY WITH SOAP AND WATER



Wet hands



Use liquid soap or a clean bar of soap



Rub hands together vigorously



Be sure to wash all skin surfaces thoroughly



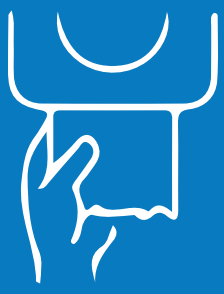
Be attentive to the areas around nails and between fingers



Continue to rub hands together for at least 20 seconds



Rinse and dry hands properly



If possible, use a paper towel to turn off the tap. Use a paper towel to open the door and then throw it out.

If there is no soap and water and there is no visible dirt on the hands, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer authorized by Health Canada. **Younger students must be supervised when using hand sanitizers.**



Apply a hand sanitizer



Rub on the backs and palms of hands and between the fingers, around the nails, and on the wrists.



Rub hands together vigorously



Keep rubbing until hands are dry

MASK WEARING

- Students in Grades 6 to 12 **will be required to wear a mask outside the classroom.** The use of masks outside the classroom **is recommended for students in kindergarten to Grade 5.** Wearing a mask in the classroom is not required.
- Wearing a clean mask is recommended. Mask wearing must be adapted to the task, and masks must be worn and disposed of or washed properly. **They must not be worn for long periods of time.**
- Individuals who wear a non-medical mask or a face covering **can reduce the spread of the virus if it is worn correctly.**
- Mask wearing alone **will not prevent the spread of COVID-19.** You must **follow good hygiene precautions and maintain physical distancing at all times.**