



Frequently Asked Questions 2

August 14th, 2020

Our BTPS Re-Entry Plan is found on our website. This Re-Entry plan has additional information about school start up. The responses are based on guidance from Alberta Education and the Chief Medical Office.

	Question	Response
1.	What do parents/guardians need to know for Day 1 of school start up?	<p>Schools will be scheduling a staggered start on September 1st and September 2nd. All students will attend school on September 3rd. The details of the staggered start will be left to the school to determine and the plan will be shared by each school by August 21st, 2020.</p> <p>All Grade 4-12 students will need to provide their own mask for Day 1. All Grade 4-12 students who ride the bus need to wear a mask and there is a bus seating plan. We are asking that only one parent/guardian per student enter the school on Day 1 and to limit the time within the school. All visitor procedures will need to be followed for parents/guardians.</p> <p>Daily, each family will need to complete the AHS Self-Assessment to make it part of their daily routine for their student(s).</p>
2.	Do parents/guardians and visitors to the school need to wear masks?	<p>Yes, all parents/guardians and visitors will need to wear masks when they are in the schools. We are asking for essential visitors only to enter the buildings. All parents/guardians and visitors will need to fill in the BTPS Screening App when they enter the building for contact tracing purposes.</p>
3.	What will be the expectations of parents/guardians entering the school on a day to day basis?	<p>On a daily basis, parents/guardians should remain outside the school to pick-up and drop off their children. If entry to the school is required they will go through the visitor protocol.</p>
4.	What will the expectations of students be in hallways and common areas?	<p>Schools will set out procedures that work for their individual situation to limit the number of transitions and the number of students in the hallway at one time. In common areas, physical distancing will be maintained, masks will be worn for Grade 4-12 students, and</p>

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		furniture will be removed or re-arranged to prevent gathering.
5.	What will recess and lunch look like at school?	<p>Recess and lunch breaks may be staggered to mitigate congestion.</p> <p>A school procedure will be developed by the school to ensure eating areas are cleaned and sanitized. At this time, K-9 students must have their parents/guardians request permission to leave the school during lunch.</p> <p>For the start of the 2020-2021 school year, microwaves and vending machines will not be in operation to allow time for students to be taught about proper use of sanitization procedures for these areas.</p>
6.	Can our community library continue to operate outside school hours?	Yes, private kindergarten and community libraries will be able to operate during the school day without additional costs. Hours beyond the regular day may incur additional costs for clearing that will need to occur to adhere to all regulations.
7.	Will students and staff have temperatures taken daily?	Alberta Education will be providing schools with a thermometer but daily temperature checks are not a requirement.
8.	How will schools complete fire drills and emergency procedures?	<p>Teachers will need to practice fire drills/lockdowns with their class. Some parts of the drills classes will be able to be physically completed but some may need to be theoretical.</p> <p>Bus evacuations will also happen verbally or via video.</p>
9.	What is the process of cleaning air filters?	Air filters are regularly checked and maintained. We will be increasing the number of times that they are changed this year.
10.	Do all staff need to get tested for COVID-19 prior to beginning school?	On August 12 th , 2020, Dr. Hinshaw recommended that all staff get tested for COVID-19 before the fall semester begins. BTPS will provide a list of testing sites when available from AHS.
11.	What mental health/psychological supports are available for students and staff?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health Helpline: Phone: 1-877-303-2642 ● Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868 ● Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP) - 1-888-384-1152 ● BTPS Social Emotional Coach (SEC) Program: For more information about the Social-Emotional Coach Program, please contact your school Principal, Assistant Principal, Inclusive Learning Teacher, and/or ask for the Social-Emotional Coach. ● Human Services Directory (Local community resources) ● Wainwright on Wellness (WOW - MHCB) ● Vermilion Is Being Empowered (VIBE - MHCB)

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<p>12.</p>	<p>What are the options for learning at home? Online learning?</p>	<p>We recognize that this is a challenging time. If you are considering alternative learning options we ask that you contact your school principal first to discuss the plans that your school has in place for re-entry this year.</p> <p>BTPS does have Students Online School. For this year, to ensure each students success, we ask that you contact your own school principal first to discuss programming and register in your home school. We will then be able to support programming for students at home through various options from our Students Online School.</p> <p>Our Students Online Options:</p> <p>Home Based Program - Teacher supported program with resources, feedback, program plan & assessment included for student growth and achievement.</p> <p>Parent Based Program - Parents develop and provide a program plan, provide resources based on the Alberta curriculum and complete an exit interview with evidence of student growth through the year of learning.</p> <p>The following options are offered but are not related to being in schools during COVID-19:</p> <p>Blended Program - Teacher provided resources, program plan, feedback and assessment with the exception of including parent provided approved materials for sections of learning.</p> <p>School Based Program - When students need a course to gain credits that may not be offered at their primary school.</p> <p>This link explains each type of programming.</p>
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