



South East Cornerstone Public School Division Highlights of Health and Safety Response Plan (as at August 4, 2020)

On June 9th, 2020 the Government of Saskatchewan announced that in-classroom learning will resume for the 2020-21 school year. Plans are in place, and are continuously in development, to keep students and staff safe in a face-to-face learning environment. This document is intended to highlight some of the changes that students and staff will experience in the re-opening of physical schools. The full working document as approved by the Ministry of Education on August 1, 2020 can be found in the scrolling banner at www.secpsd.ca. Individual school plans that follow these guidelines will be developed prior to school startup. Guidelines for the re-opening of schools is based on direction from the Chief Medical Health Officer and will evolve as required by emerging health risk assessments.

Hygiene

- School staff will teach proper hand hygiene and other safety practices during the first days of school and review as needed.
- Handwashing protocol will be posted in schools.
- Students are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer for personal use.
- Hand sanitizers will be placed in all learning spaces and entry ways in all schools.

Limiting Physical Contact

- In order to limit the number of individual contacts each student will have in a day, students will be organized into groups or cohorts as much as possible. This may mean homeroom structures, changes in timetabling, teacher rather than student movement between classes, staggering breaks and the minimizing of movement of students in the hallways as much as possible.
- Students and staff will focus on minimizing physical contact with one another (no hugs, high fives, handshakes, etc.)
- Staff will reinforce processes and practices to support physical distancing and limit physical contact.
- Instructional activities, particularly Phys Ed, will be adapted to eliminate intentional physical contact or the passing of objects from one student to another.
- Use of common areas or gathering points such as lockers, common eating areas, and student lounges, etc. will be reduced or eliminated.
- There will be limited public/parent access to the school.
- There will be an individual school plan for entry to and dismissal from school to reduce physical contact.
- There will be individual school plans for recess and noon hour to limit physical contact.
- Classrooms will be reorganized to increase physical distancing.
- Students will be requested to eat lunch at home if possible. Those students staying at school for lunch will remain with their group/cohort.
- PreK and K programs will continue as normal as possible while limiting physical contact and sharing of toys/equipment. There will be increased cleaning of shared toys/equipment.
- Signage will be posted at each school regarding traffic flow to best support physical distancing.
- Signage will be posted at school entrances regarding illnesses, physical distancing and hand hygiene.

Limiting Shared Materials and Equipment

- Sharing of technology and common equipment will be limited and will be disinfected after and before use.
- Student belongings should be labelled.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle.

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Plans will be determined based on individual activities and further direction and guidelines from the province.

Cleaning and Sanitation Guidelines

- Appropriate cleaning and sanitation guidelines will be implemented by the facilities department to include disinfecting high contact surfaces throughout the day.
- Disinfectant wipes and gloves will be provided to staff and students to disinfect classroom surfaces.

Guidelines for Illness in Care

- Any student or staff who is displaying COVID-19 symptoms, who is under self-isolation due to exposure to COVID-19 or who has tested positive for COVID-19 must not enter the school or grounds until they are cleared to do so by public health officials.
- Any student who starts to display symptoms during the school day will be removed from class and placed in isolation until a parent or guardian is able to pick them up. They will not be allowed to travel on the school bus.

Nutrition Programs (Breakfast and Lunch Programs – including hot lunches)

- Breakfasts and lunches are to be eaten in classrooms at the student's desk.
- Schools will continue to ensure all food preparation safety guidelines are followed.
- Food must be served in individual portions by a designated staff member.
- Commercial cooking courses and cafeterias will follow the guidelines of the province.

Mental Health and Social-Emotional Supports

- Staff will receive training to support students that includes a focus on dealing with trauma.
- School counsellors will continue to be available for all students requiring support.
- We will continue to work with community partners to provide support.

Transportation

- Parents are asked to transport their own children to and from school where possible.
- A walk distance for in town busing in the cities of Estevan and Weyburn will be expanded to 1 km from the neighbourhood school.
- Seating plans will be developed for all bus routes with families sitting together for contact tracing.
- Buses will be disinfected regularly.

Students with Intensive Needs

- Students with intensive needs will continue to receive supports required for their programming. Supports will be scheduled to limit the number of adults students are exposed to in a given day.
- For students physically unable to attend in person, their IIP will include planning for an appropriate learning environment.
- Community based interactions such as bowling and grocery shopping are not approved at this time.

- Health and safety measures for personal hygiene for intensive needs students will be developed and communicated directly with impacted families.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Personal protective equipment will be utilized when supporting intensive needs students who require personal care.
- Personal protective equipment will be required when supporting students who become ill while attending school.
- Although provincial guidelines do not require it at this time, those staff or students wishing to may wear a personal mask.
- If the province moves to level 2 of the Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan masks will be provided.

Please note further communication regarding SECPD COVID-19 return to school plans will be updated on our system level webpage at www.secpsd.ca. We will also continue to utilize School Messenger accessing both phone and email. Our Twitter and Facebook pages will be updated with this information as well. Please never hesitate to contact us via contactus@secpsd.ca email. We will work to respond in a timely manner.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to return students to a safe and secure learning environment.