



# Park West School Division

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow

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On August 5, 2021, Manitoba education and health representatives shared details on a "Safe Return to School". The full document is available at:

[https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/newslinks/2021/08/K-12\\_FallPlanning\\_Aug2021\\_FNL.pdf](https://news.gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/newslinks/2021/08/K-12_FallPlanning_Aug2021_FNL.pdf)

As part of the plan, all students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 will be welcomed back to full-time, in-class learning, with schools reopening at Caution Level (Yellow) on the Pandemic Response System. Public Health measures in schools will mirror those in the community; however, additional measures may be implemented regionally to address concerns about virus activity or low vaccination rates.

The guidance with the "Safe Return to School" document included the following:

- Full time return of Kindergarten to Grade 12 students.
- Cohorts will be used for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students.
- Masks are strongly recommended for all students and staff.
- Students and staff will continue to follow the fundamentals of self-screening, hand hygiene, and staying home when sick.
- School transportation will return to pre-COVID policies and practices with some additional requirements such as additional cleaning and assigned seating.
- Music and Band will be allowed while ensuring adequate ventilation and physical distancing
- Kitchens and cafeterias will be open with additional guidelines.
- Extra-curricular activities and field trips are permitted in accordance with Public Health guidelines and orders.
- Immunocompromised students or those with household members who are immunocompromised will be able to access remote learning opportunities

The Province has stated that their guidance will be revisited prior to school opening and adjustments may be made. Park West School Division will be reviewing the provincial guidance in the development of our plans for return of students and staff. It is our goal to share our divisional plans by Tuesday, August 31.