



St. James–Assiniboia School Division

Great Schools for Growing and Learning

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

This past week we posted on our social media platforms a request for our community to provide feedback on the past 30 instructional days of return to in-class learning. The Board of Trustees and Division Administration are thankful to everyone who have taken the necessary actions to make our community safe.

Our current reality is that since the beginning of July, increased numbers of positive Covid-19 cases have been documented in the Metro Winnipeg area. As part of our response planning, we as a school division will be activating plans in accordance with (Orange) Restricted Level on Monday, October 26, 2020. This survey will also collect information for future planning in a (Red) Critical Level scenario.

Below are some brief highlights of (Orange) Restricted and (Red) Critical Level responses.

(Orange) Restricted Level	
Response Plan Measure	Requirements
Physical Distancing Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will continue to ensure two meters physical distancing is maintained where possible. Where not possible, the use of cohorts (at one meter physical distancing) will be upheld. Continue to repurpose other spaces within schools to accommodate distancing (i.e. gymnasiums, libraries, shared spaces). Excess furniture will be removed from classrooms to maximize space.
Kindergarten to Grade 8 Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 8 students have the choice to continue with in-class learning, or to learn from home via print material and the use of technology (i.e. Microsoft Teams or Seesaw).
Students with Exceptional Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students with exceptional needs will continue to follow their individualized education plans and may continue in-class learning full time.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buses will continue to operate. Masks are required for all bus passengers, including but not limited to bus drivers and students Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Grades 9-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blended learning (in-class and online) will continue for Grades 9-12 students as per current practice.
Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students will stay in their current school buildings under this response level.

(Red) Critical Level	
Response Plan Measure	Requirements
Physical Distancing Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will maintain 2 meters physical distancing at all times for students who are in-class learning.
In-Class Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of critical care workers will continue with in-class learning if required. Students with exceptional needs are eligible to continue in-class learning full time if parents choose.
Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten to Grade 8 children of non-critical care workers will enter into remote learning via print material and the use of technology (i.e. Microsoft Teams or Seesaw).
Grades 7-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 7 to 12 students will transition to full time remote learning.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buses will not be operating.

We realize that any alteration to our current facilitation of teaching and learning may cause disruption. We all need to do our part to keep our community safe and we thank you for your support. Once again, our navigation of the pandemic requires a partnership between the schools and our community.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Please respond by **Friday, October 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.**

<https://fs26.formsite.com/sjasd/sjasdrestrictedlevels/index.html>