



August 2020

On July 30, 2020 the Government of Manitoba announced that classroom learning is to resume in September for all Manitoba K-12 students and they provided guidelines for doing so in the document – [“WELCOMING OUR STUDENTS BACK: RESTORING SAFE SCHOOLS K-12 Guidelines for September 2020”](#).

School Divisions are asked to have posted their divisional plans available for families by mid-August. Western School Division plans to have our refined divisional plan published on our website by August 17<sup>th</sup>. School specific plans will be available prior to the start of school.

In order to support our students and families’ best, staff from Western School Division will contact all families by phone over the next week to clarify some details about students in your households. You can expect to hear from us about the following questions:

1. The government of Manitoba has requested that we ask parents whose families are eligible for bus transportation if they can transport their children to and from school. Are you able to transport your children or will they be riding the bus each day?
2. Is any child in your home considered to be a part of any “immuno-compromised or at risk” group for COVID-19?
3. Are any others living in your home considered to be a part of any “immuno-compromised or at risk” group for COVID-19?
4. The government of Manitoba has announced that in-class learning will resume on September 8th for students in all public and independent schools across the province. Will all of your children be attending school for in class instruction in September? If not, which child (school/grade).
5. Blended or remote learning are strong possibilities at some point this year. Does your family have access to technology for learning at home if the Province mandates blended or remote learning? If not, what would be helpful?

Responses to these questions will remain confidential and will be shared only within Western School Division for the purposes of coordinating bussing, classroom resources and technology supports. We thank you for your assistance in helping us plan for the safe return to in class learning this fall.

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