



# YELLOWQUILL SCHOOL

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Principal - Shawn Harkness Vice Principal - Al Patterson

Good afternoon Yellowquill Families,

May 13, 2021

I wanted to start by saying that our students, staff and families are doing an excellent job of ensuring that our school remains open during this continuing pandemic. When so many schools around the province have gone to full remote learning it is reassuring to know that we are doing the right things at the right time to provide students' learning within our building.

I have attached the revised protocol chart so parents have a visual reminder of the steps that need to be followed when they or their child becomes ill. *Erring on the side of caution* is our very best defense against allowing a case of Covid to enter our school population. Thank you for your support in keeping your children home when required.

A number of measures are being implemented for the final weeks of this school year to provide the safest learning opportunities for our students:

- Classroom windows are open as much as possible to increase flow of fresh air
- Teachers are taking classes outside to increase their access to fresh air and space
- When Grades 4-8 students can maintain a distance of greater than 2 meters while outside they may remove their masks but if this is not possible then masks must be worn
- Students should be properly dressed and come prepared to be outside – hat, water bottle & sunscreen
- Teachers are being provided with sunscreen but if your child is allergic please provide your own and staff will assist students with applying
- We have purchased: for Grades K-4 Banana Boat Kids Spray 50+ (alcohol free & tear free) & for Grades 5-8 Banana Boat Spray 30 Ultra Sport High Endurance
- The division has purchased 2 pop-up sun canopies for each school to provide shade

Our students will again be participating in Jump Rope for Heart on Friday, May 21. Grades Kindergarten – Gr 4 will be socially spaced in their cohorts on the track area that morning and Grade 5-8 cohorts will be socially spaced on the track that afternoon. Unfortunately, no spectators will be allowed at the school. Students will not be fundraising due to covid restrictions but families may donate on-line to add to our school's donations at Jump Rope for Heart – The Heart & Stroke Foundation <https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca> where donations are recorded under our school name and students receive gift cards as prizes...or they can donate to our local Heart and Stroke Foundation instead.

Our students will also be participating in a modified track and field day on the following dates. Again, no spectators will be allowed and students need to bring everything with them for the day; bag lunch, water bottle, sunscreen and appropriately dressed for the weather (including a hat).

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## **YOS Middle Years Gr 5-8: ½ day**

June 4, Friday, Day 2 – Cohort #5 AM & Cohort #6 AM

June 7, Monday, Day 3 – Rain day if needed

June 11, Friday, Day 1 – Cohort #7 AM & Cohort #8 PM

June 14, Monday, Day 2 – Rain day if needed

## **YOS Early Years K-4 : mornings only**

June 14, Monday, Day 2 – Cohort #1

June 15, Tuesday, Day 3 – Cohort #2

June 16, Wednesday, Day 4 – Cohort #3

June 17, Thursday, Day 5 - Cohort #4

June 18, Friday, Day 6 – Rain day if needed

As a reminder, there are no classes on Monday, May 24 as schools are closed for Victoria Day and last day for students is Tuesday, June 29 with the final report card going home that day. First school day for next school year is September 9 with a pending *Greet Your Teacher* afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 on Wednesday, September 8.

Also, the Transportation Department are in the initial stages of planning bus transportation for next school year. Please follow the link below to fill in a brief survey on your needs for student bus transportation and to update/verify contact information. Please fill in a separate survey for each student in your household. Each survey should take less than 5 minutes. If you have questions or concerns regarding this survey please contact Shelley Anderson at [sanderson@plpsd.mb.ca](mailto:sanderson@plpsd.mb.ca) or (204) 857-5841 ext 2.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zYZigp1CJe>

Regards,

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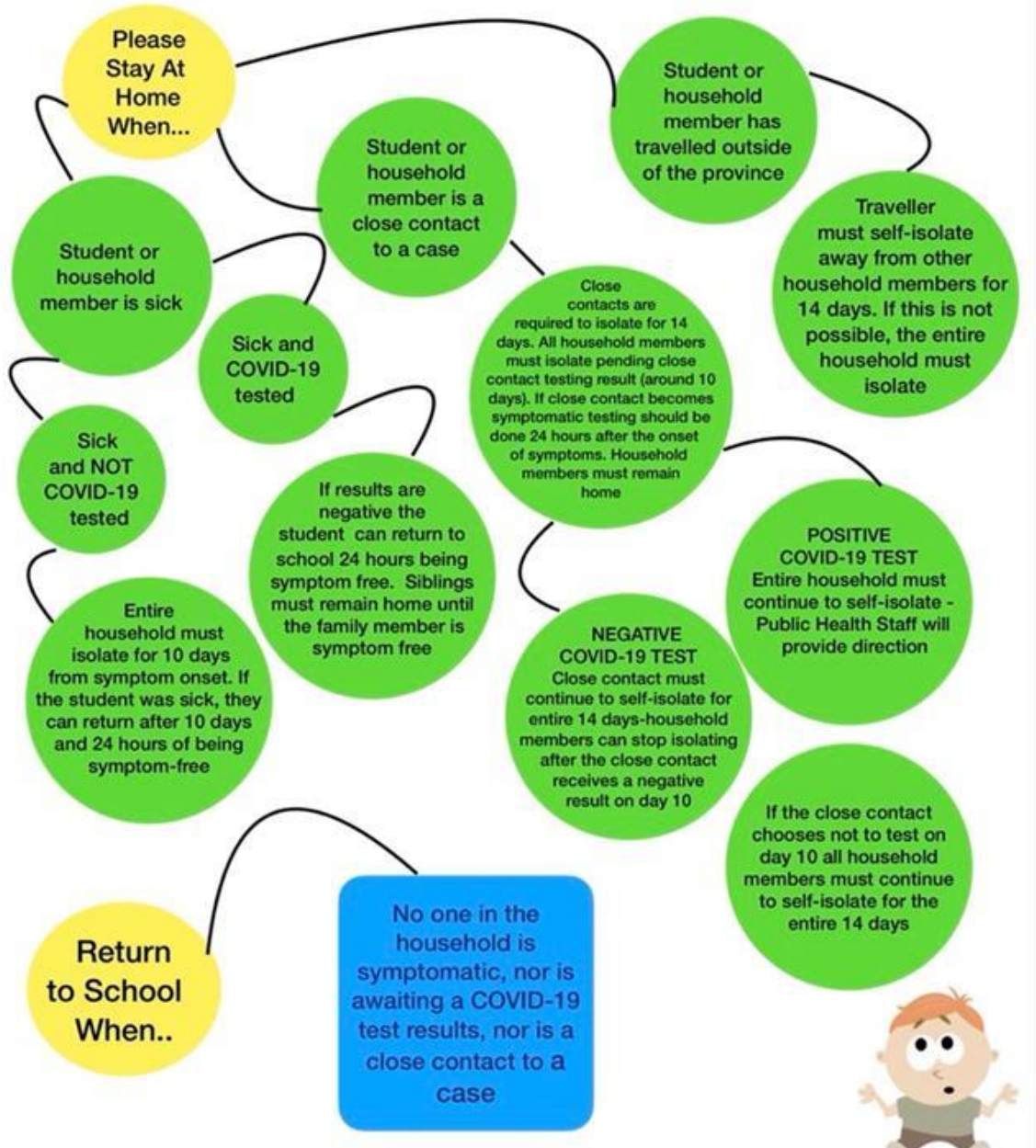
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## STAYING HOME OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL?



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