

Portage la Prairie School Division Sommerfeld Re-opening Plan 2020

The following is the *PLPSD Hutterian Education Department's and Sommerfeld Colony's* return to school plan. Please note the return to school plan is fluid and may change as directed by Public Health, Manitoba Education and the Portage la Prairie School Division.

The following school plan will provide an overview of the procedures for the resumption of Level 1 In-Class Learning that will begin on September 8, 2020. For more detailed information please refer to the [Portage la Prairie School Division: Return to School Plan 2020-2021](#). If you have any question or concerns regarding the school plan please contact **Karen Gardiner at 204-797-5356 or Gillian Adair after Nov 1st at 204-995-6152.**

For our school community to remain safe it is very important that each day all students, families and staff complete the [self-screening tool](#) prior to entering the school.

Parent/Visitors to the school

Parents/Visitors will be required to contact the school in advance to make an appointment to enter the school.

[Self-Screening](#) is required for all parents/visitors prior to entry. Please be aware of the screening guidelines that are posted on all entrance doors.

At this time, non-medical masks are required in schools for students in Grades 4 to 12, as well as for staff, when physical distancing of one metre is not possible.

When visiting all parents/visitors will be required to sign in and out of the building to support contact tracing.

Cohort Groupings

What is a Cohort?

A cohort is a group of students who remain together with their classroom teachers throughout the school day. The cohort will have limited direct contact with other cohort groups. ***Each Colony school falls into the category of a stand-alone cohort.***

Cohorting means that students will enter and exit through separate entrances, staggered recess and lunch breaks, in order to limit contact with others. This strategy limits any potential spreading of the virus to the broader school community, should an outbreak occur and allows for contact tracing.

Entrance, Recess, Dismissal Procedures

Entrance	When required, Early Years students will enter five minutes prior to Middle Years students; hand sanitizer at the door.
Exit Recess	When required, Early Years students will exit five minutes prior to Middle Years students
Lunch	Early and Middle Years students enter and exit five minutes apart when required
Exit End of the Day	When required, Early Years students will exit five minutes prior to Middle Years students
Extreme Weather	Students will be kept in the gym.

Staggered Recess/Lunch Times

Fill in according to your plan, bold information should appear in all plans to maintain divisional consistency

AM Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade K-3 will go out for morning recess at 10:00 – 10:15• Grades 4-8 will go out for morning recess at 10:05 – 10:20
Lunch Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade K-3 will go for lunch 5 minutes prior to the departure of Middle Years classes• All students will eat lunch as per Colony expectations
PM Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade K-3 will go out for PM recess at 2:00 – 2:15• Grades 4-8 will go out for PM recess at 2:05 – 2:20

Movement Procedures

Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physical Education teacher will not be traveling to the schools until further notice
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music teacher will not be traveling to the schools until further notice
Staff Movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers will be teaching remotely until further notice. All Support Staff will be reallocated throughout PLPSD.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colony members will be asked to supervise students in the school during remote learning classes.

Communication

Communication with Students	Students will be updated through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers will update students through phone calls, on screen meetings and letters.
Communication with Staff	Teachers will be updated through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email• Staff meetings• Daily Announcements• Google/Team Meetings
Parent/School Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsletters• Phone Calls• Hutterian Administrator will communicate directly with each Colony's German School Teacher as the situation develops

Health and Sanitation Procedures

Location	Procedure
Main Entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All individuals entering the school will complete a self-screening• Hand sanitizing station will be located at the main entrance of the school
Classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each classroom will have hand sanitizer and disinfectant• Regular handwashing reminders will be given• Classrooms and surfaces will be disinfected with cleaner each evening• Sharing of equipment should be limited
Washrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased cleaning protocols for student and staff washrooms will occur• Handwashing posters have been placed in all washrooms advising users to practice proper hand hygiene
Water Fountains and Filling Stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The water fountains may be closed, and students will be encouraged to bring a drink or a water bottle for the bottle filling station• No sharing of water bottles will be allowed