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FORWARD

MESC has developed a 2020-2021 RE-ENTRY HANDBOOK to minimize the potential for transmission of COVID-19 and to provide students and staff with a safe and healthy learning environment. This Handbook is available on the MESC website.

For clarification “**parent**” as used in this document is intended to encompass the people in the child’s life that are the caregivers of the child.

MESC staff are required to be tested in August prior to the new school year.

MESC will continue to support the directions of the Maskwacis Chiefs and Council.

SCENARIOS

- MESC has prepared for three COVID-19 scenarios in the event that instruction may be required to transition from one to another.
- Scenarios:
 - 1) In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures) - full classes
 - 2) In-school classes partially resume with reduced class sizes (with additional health measures. Your school will inform you which group your child is assigned)
 - 3) At-home learning continues (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled) - in school classes cancelled
- **At this time MESC is preparing for scenario 2.**
- Students may be moved to another MESC school In the event that a Maskwacis Emergency Operations Committee takes over a MESC School building.

Important Dates:

- September 8 K5-12 classes begin. STUDENT GROUP 1
- September 15 K5-12 classes begin. STUDENT GROUP 2
- September 22 K4-Head Start classes begin. STUDENT GROUP 1
- September 29 K4- Head Start classes begin. STUDENT GROUP 2

REGISTRATION

- **All** students must be registered in a MESC school by September 15th, 2020
- **It is the choice of the parent to send their child to in-school classes.**
- For parents who choose not to send their child to in-school classes, MESC will prepare learning packages and offer online support.
- Information on how to use the new online school registration form will be provided from MESC.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- **Strict stay at home policy for students exhibiting cold and flu like symptoms or symptoms of COVID-19 will be in effect.**
- Parents must use the attached self screening checklist every morning to ensure students are symptom free before they attend school.

- Students exhibiting symptoms of illness will be removed from the classroom and taken to the designated school infirmary.
- Parents will be notified and required to pick up their child.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Parents can choose to drive their children to school.**
- Bussing is provided.
- Students are to be dropped off and picked-up **only** within the designated locations and times.
- Designated drop-off (8:40am - 9:00am) and pick-up (3:00 pm-3:20 pm) times. Times may vary depending on location, please check with your school.
- Parents need to contact the school and use the doorbell at each school when a late drop off or early pick-up occurs.

CLEANING

- MESC is committed to strict cleaning and disinfecting practices for all its buildings.
- MESC will continue to engage and work with Maskwacîs Health Services, Alberta Health Services, Alberta Education, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch and Indigenous Services Canada to ensure operations align with recommended practices.

COMMUNICATION

- MESC will use multiple communication tools such as the MESC website, MESC Facebook, Hawk Radio and newsletters to provide parents with up to date information.
- Parents will not be allowed inside the school unless they have arranged an appointment and agree to follow all protocols.
- Parent/teacher nights will be redesigned with a safety first approach.

NANÂTOHK MÎCIWIN (BREAKFAST & LUNCH)

- Students will be provided with prepackaged breakfast and lunch meals in their classrooms. Snack will be included in the package
- Students will eat their meals at their assigned seat.
- Students will be required to wash their hands before and after eating.
- No outside food will be delivered or dropped off at the school.
- Parents providing lunch for their child must send it with the child in the morning.

Daily self screening checklist

Do you or your child have any of the following symptoms

Symptom	Yes	No
Fever		
Cough		
Shortness of breath / Difficulty breathing		
Sore throat		
Chills		
Painful swallowing		
Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion		
Feeling unwell / Fatigued		
Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea		
Unexplained loss of appetite		
Loss of sense of taste or smell		
Muscle/ Joint aches		
Headache		
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)		

If the answer is YES to any of the questions or if your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, **then stay home and take the [AHS on-line self assessment](#) or call Maskwacis Health at 780-585-3830 Pigeon Lake 780-585-2003.**