Every day, students, staff, and visitors must self-screen for symptoms. Any students or staff showing symptoms, even those resembling a cold, must stay home. Visitors showing symptoms will not be allowed in the school.

Where possible, students will be cohorted by class. Teachers will move from class to class. There will be no flex groups or elective classes for elementary and junior high.

Symptom Screening & Stay at Home Policy
Every day, students, staff, and visitors must self-screen for symptoms. Any students or staff showing symptoms will not be allowed in the school.

Physical Distancing
Desks will be spaced at the largest distance possible and will not face each other. Physical distancing will also be followed during drop-offs and pick-ups. When physical distancing is not possible, extra focus will be given to hand washing and sanitizing.

Mask Use
Students in grades 4 through 12, staff including bus drivers, and visitors must wear a mask in common areas outside the classroom (such as hallways and buses). Masks do not need to be worn in the classroom as long as desks are arranged to not face each other and with as much physical distance between them as possible.

Hand Hygiene
Students, staff, and visitors must sanitize their hands when entering and exiting the school. Regular hand hygiene will also be practiced throughout the day as needed (before and after eating, after using the washroom, etc.).

Cohorting
Where possible, students will be cohorted by class. Teachers will move from class to class. There will be no mixed flex groups or elective classes for elementary and junior high.

No Sharing Policy
Students will not be allowed to share items of any kind, including school supplies and snacks. Use of shared equipment will be avoided. Equipment that must be shared will be cleaned after each use.

Meal Times
Lunch and snack breaks may be staggered to support physical distancing. No food may be shared between students or staff. Microwaves and vending machines will be out of service. Water fountains will remain open; students are encouraged to use refillable bottles.

Restricted Activities
Field trips; activities requiring group transportation; in-person singing, cheering, or shouting; playing wind instruments; sports and extracurricular activities; school assemblies; concerts and dances are postponed.

Enhanced Cleaning
There will be daily cleaning of all areas of the school. Washrooms and high-touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.

Find the detailed re-entry plan and a FAQ section on our website: www.starcatholic.ab.ca
Playground structures will remain open. Schools will assign cohort classes to different playground areas at recess. Students should also practice physical distancing and must hand sanitize when leaving the school for recess and re-entering the school. Students should be taught to avoid touching their face.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are masks required at school?

Students in grades 4 through 12, staff including bus drivers, and visitors must wear a mask in common areas outside the classroom (such as hallways and buses). Masks do not need to be worn in the classroom as long as desks are arranged to not face each other and with as much physical distance between them as possible. Masks are not required when students are eating/drinking or engaging in a physical activity. Students with medical exceptions will also not be required to wear a mask.

Are parents allowed in the school?

Parents may visit the school if it is necessary. Schools will ask parents to self-screen for symptoms and will keep a record of visitors. Parents and other visitors at the school will also be required to wear a mask.

Will playgrounds be closed to students at recess?

Playground structures will remain open. Schools will assign cohort classes to different playground areas at recess. Students should also practice physical distancing and must hand sanitize when leaving the school for recess and re-entering the school. Students should be taught to avoid touching their face.

Will schools provide safety supplies?

Schools will provide safety supplies such as hand sanitizer and wipes. The Government of Alberta will provide every student and staff member with two reusable masks. Disposable masks will be available for students who forget to bring their masks to school.

Find more the answers to more commonly asked questions on our website.