



**STUDENT RETURN TO IN-CLASS LEARNING AT FREEDOM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
REOPENING PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER 2020
SEPTEMBER 4, 2020**

The following represents the framework for Freedom International School's Reopening Plan. Directives from the Government of Manitoba and Public Health take precedence in our decision-making, as does our commitment to delivering the school's core values, i.e. a Christ-centered education, a commitment to excellence and a safe learning environment. This plan will be updated and adapted as needed.

We have prepared the BUILDING – here's how...

1. Posting signage related to Public Health directives and overall expectations when in the building, i.e. physical distancing, handwashing, non-medical masks, directional signage throughout.
2. Increasing the frequency of cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing high-touch surfaces in common and shared areas (e.g. stairwell handrails, exterior door handles, light switches, student desks, tables and chairs). Washrooms will be cleaned more frequently.
3. Hiring an additional cleaner to attend to enhanced cleaning protocols.
4. Providing each student with their own hand sanitizer and zip lock clean/dirty mask bags.
5. Reduce student movement by changing the entrance to the school to the south building entrance directly on Sargent Ave.
6. Adding extra classrooms to ensure adherence to physical distancing requirements.
7. Established protocols adhere to Public Health directives and are consistent throughout the building. For example, shared use of the basement space multi-purpose room.
8. Designating a room to isolate students and other members of the community if they present with symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19 while at school.

We are prepared for LEARNING – here's how...

1. Freedom International School's approach to in-class learning includes the goal of keeping all students on site for learning.
2. Staff returned to school on September 2, 3 and 4 for a number of orientation sessions on public health requirements and educational priorities to support students, as well as professional learning around recovery learning.
3. If your child develops symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19 while at school, they will be isolated and parents/guardians will be called to ensure the child is picked up promptly. Staff will self screen daily. They too will be isolated in the event they present with symptoms.
4. A sick student's desk, chair, etc. will be promptly sanitized. The isolation room will be sanitized after being vacated as per the instruction in the School Re-Entry Protocols Guide.
5. Each classroom teacher will have disposable face masks on hand for students. They will also have sanitizer for students and staff to "wash" their hands when it is not possible to use soap and water.

We are prepared to WELCOME STUDENTS AND FAMILIES - here's how...

1. Administration is keeping abreast of directives from the Government of Manitoba and will respond by making necessary adaptations.
2. Having a supply of masks on hand for use by students when physical distancing is not possible. On August 19, 2020 the provincial government mandated that "masks will be

required for students in Grades 4 to 12, teachers, school staff and visitors when physical distancing of two metres is not possible.

3. Administration will provide frequent communication about the school year and ongoing plans for instruction and support.
4. Breakfasts and Lunches will not be served at school, however, fresh and frozen food will be delivered directly to students' homes until such time as will be able to resume in-school food preparations and service.
5. Access to the school by parents, guardians and other members of our community is permitted at the school, however, the desire is to minimize the visits. Where possible, the preferred methods of communication include email, and telephone rather than in person. All visitors must adhere to self screening, physical distancing, posted hygiene requirements and abide by directional signage when moving within the building. Visitors will be required to wear masks, be screened upon arrival and adhere to the sign in and sign out protocol.
6. Implementing a No Sharing Policy. No food, water-bottle or sharing of personal items will be in effect until otherwise advised.
7. Requesting support from parents and guardians in the following areas:
 - Reviewing the proper method of handwashing with your child(ren) by watching this video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AGW3bbcb3Y>
 - Keeping your child(ren) home when they are sick or exhibiting any symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID-19. Establish a pick up plan and affirm it with those involved beforehand. The government directive related to Contact Tracing and Outbreak Management for schools is included for awareness.

“In the event of confirmation of a case of COVID-19 connected with a school, Public Health will lead the response and provide guidance, including ensuring appropriate supports are in place to coordinate the response. Contact tracing involves identifying the contacts of a positive case and contacting those individuals who may have been exposed. Public Health may:

- Assess the need for the school to be closed for a period of time.

Public Health will advise staff and students if they have been in close contact, if they need to self-isolate or self monitor and when they can return to school.”

- Make sure the school has your current contact information and that of your emergency contact. Mrs. Wiebe will meet in person with all parents to discuss details regarding all COVID expectations at Freedom International School
 - Reintroducing or establishing school routines if they are not already in place, to help ensure your child(ren) is calm and feeling prepared to return to school. For example, returning to normal bedtime routines, limiting screen/gaming time and, when school starts, preparing for the next day in the evening by packing lunches, filling water bottles and packing any work that needs to go back to school. I encourage you to begin the day with a word of prayer, modelling our dependence on God and demonstrating trust in Him.
- Students in Grades 8 through 12 need to ensure that their school materials are well organized in their backpacks as locker visits will be reduced.
- Labelling personal items, i.e. lunch kit, water bottle, outdoor clothing and shoes, gym bag and other personal items with their name and homeroom.
 - Ensuring your child(ren) brings a filled water bottle to school each day along with their lunch and snacks. A touchless water bottle filling station will be installed and available for students to refill their water bottles only after the first month. They will be cleaned frequently and are located near the girls washroom in the school hallway.

8. Affirming student responsibilities:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Tell staff, parents and guardians when you are not feeling well.
- Wear a mask as per government directives.
- Wash your hands, especially after coughing, blowing noses or sneezing, and when handling food.
- Bring your own food (lunches & snacks) to school. Do not share food or personal items.

- Cough and sneeze into your arm or a tissue. Do not touch your face, particularly your eyes, nose and mouth.
 - Keep 2 metres from others and avoid close contact.
 - Smile and wave when saying hello--don't give high fives, fist pumps or hugs.
 - Eat healthy foods, keep physically active and get enough sleep and fresh air.
9. Postponing field trips, overnight events and in-school sales that support outreach events until at least the new year.
 10. Recording community events such as the annual Assante Festival and Special Chapels and sharing via social media.
 11. Providing new parents with the annual New Parent Information session in a new format.

Professional development related to enhancing skills associated with the delivery of remote learning has begun and will be ongoing.

Visit Freedom International School's website, FreedomInternationalSchool.net regularly to stay up to date on what is happening at Freedom.

Visit The Government of Manitoba's "Latest COVID-19 Education News" regularly for the most up-to-date information.