

Landing Trail School

Return to School Guidebook

2021 - 2022



Dear Landing Trail School Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome your children back to school! With the reduction of provincial COVID-19 health restrictions, some school operations will return to normal, while other restrictions will remain. This guide will help you understand the current plan for returning to class for the 2021-22 school year at Landing Trail School. We will continue to be flexible and adjust to any changes to the recommended health measures provided by Alberta Health Services and Alberta Education.

The focus on the [Sturgeon Public Schools 2021-22 Back to School Plan](#) is on a normal return to school and a shift from mandatory measures towards recommended health guidelines. Our school plan aligns with the division plan and was developed based on the most recent government recommendations.

Since most of our students are too young to receive a vaccine, we all need to do our part to keep them and others safe. Our school will do everything we can to mitigate risk by following the safety guidelines outlined in the [Government of Alberta's 2021-22 School Year Plan](#). This includes the continuation of: monitoring visitors, daily screening and staying home when sick, hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, enhanced cleaning standards, and protocols for students and staff who become ill. While some measures continue, others have been lifted, including masking, field trips and extra-curricular activities, singing and playing instruments, cohorts, and physical distancing.

We are optimistic that we are close to a full return to normal in the near future. Until then, it is incumbent upon all of us to keep our young students as safe as possible. I encourage you to review the Alberta Education [Parent's Guide 2021-22 School Year](#) for useful information. With your help and continued support, we will have a healthy, safe, and successful school year ahead!



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Illness/Self Screening

- All parents and guardians are required to assess their children's health daily, before leaving home, and follow the guidelines on the a [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#).
- Anyone who has symptoms of illness must stay home.
- It is important that families and schools discuss a student's pre-existing medical condition, so the school may keep a confidential record of this condition.
- Students showing signs of illness during the day will be given a mask and moved to the infirmary. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick-up their child. Parents/guardians must designate an emergency contact for student pickup if they are unavailable. It is the expectation that students are picked up by the family or emergency contact as quickly as possible
- Albertans are legally required to **isolate for 10 days** if positive for COVID-19 or exhibiting any core symptoms (Fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of sense of smell or taste, sore throat (adults only), runny nose (adults only) that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. If you have symptoms, [take the online assessment to arrange testing](#).

Supporting At-Home Learning While Sick

- Should a child need to stay home for a period due to illness, classroom teachers will provide key work for the student to be able to work on while at-home. Homework bundles or tasks will be provided to the student by the regular teacher.

Use of Facial Masks

- Alberta does not have a mask requirement in schools; however, masks may be recommended temporarily if there is a respiratory illness outbreak at a school.
- Masks are mandatory on buses for all students, teachers, staff, and visitors. Exceptions to the mask requirement on school buses are listed in CMOH Order 34-2021.
- We support all students and staff who choose to wear a mask and leave it up to individuals to determine what is best for them and makes them feel comfortable.

Hand Sanitizer

- Hand sanitizer is placed at each entrance to the building. Students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use sanitizer for the following activities:
 - entering/leaving the school or classroom.
 - before and after using shared equipment.
 - before and after eating.
 - after using the washroom.

Visitors Entering the Building

- Parents and guardians are asked to remain outside the school when picking up and dropping off their child and asked to not enter the school unless approved by the Principal.
- Parents can call the office to make an appointment or speak to their child's teacher prior to entering the building. All visitors must enter through the front doors of the school and complete the QR code screening process and use hand sanitizer upon entry.

Student Arrival & Departure

- Buses arrive at 8:20 and attendance is taken at 8:30AM. Please do not drop students off earlier than 8:20 as we do not have supervision and will not be able to hold students in the boot room.
- All classes have been designated an entrance and doors have signs to help locate your child's classroom entrance. Please refer to the attached map for your child's designated entrance and exit door.
- As busses arrive in the morning, students will disembark, and go to their designated classroom entrance.
- Students who are dropped off or walk to school should arrive by 8:25 and enter through their designated entrance. Students arriving after 8:30 must come to the front doors to enter and sign in at the office.
- Staff will supervise entrances and remind students to use hand sanitizer upon entry.
- At the end of the day, bus students are dismissed first by bus number. Following departure of the buses, walking and pickup students are dismissed.
- Parents are asked to stay clear of school entrances and sidewalks while picking up and dropping off their children at school.
- For safety, please do not enter the bus lane with your vehicle during pickup and drop off times.

Enhanced Cleaning

- Caretaking staff will continue enhanced cleaning measures including regular cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces.
- Students may be asked to wipe materials after use and their personal work surfaces.

Classrooms

- Teachers are planning lessons that reduce the need to share materials.
- Students will be encouraged to avoid sharing personal property.
- Please label all your child's classroom supplies.
- If materials are shared, they will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Shared technology devices are cleaned after use. Computer carts are designated by grade to limit the number of people that contact the device.
- Lockers will be available for student use.

Physical Education

- Physical education classes will be taking place in the gym and outside.
- Students must be dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Students will follow hand washing/sanitizing procedures when entering and exiting the gymnasium.
- If equipment is to be used, it will be sanitized after each use.

Music

- Music classes will take place in the Music Room and will resume as normal with sanitizing shared instruments between students.

Off-Site Activities

- Field Trips/Off Site Activities will resume as per Division Policy.

Water Bottles and Fountains

- AHS guidelines state water fountains can remain open.
- Water fountain knobs and push buttons are considered high touch surfaces and will be cleaned and sanitized regularly throughout the day.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

Recesses/Snacks/Playground

- Students must practice proper hand hygiene before and after using the playground.
- If shared toys and sports equipment are used on the playground it will be cleaned and disinfected after use. At the end of the school day the equipment will be sanitized.

Lunch

- Students will be encouraged to not share utensils, dishes, water bottles or drink containers.
- Students will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after eating. Students may be asked to help wipe down their own desks or tables used for eating.
- Microwaves will not be available for use.

School Council Meetings

- Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month with the exception of December and June.
- School Council members and the school Principal may choose to meet via an online environment, in a hybrid setting or face-to-face. Advance notice of the meetings are emailed to parents.

Early Childhood Education - Staggered Entry Guidelines

During staggered entry the following measures will be implemented:

- Parents will be allowed to accompany their child. Parent must hand sanitize prior to entry into the classroom.
- Parent must complete Covid-19 Self Screening Questionnaire using the QR Code posted on the school front door.
- Please call the office to indicate you are here for your appointment time.
- Parent must sign in and out at the office.
- EA's will sanitize any shared materials (toys, manipulatives) and furniture immediately following the class time. Mouthed toys will be immediately put into a designated cleaning bucket to be disinfected.
- Visuals and social stories about cleanliness and handwashing will be implemented.

Please refer to the SPS 2021-22 Back to School Plan for Division Guidelines

- [Sturgeon Public Schools 2021-22 Back to School Plan](#)

Government Guidelines for School Re-entry:

- There are many useful resources for parents on the following Alberta Education Website:
 - [Alberta Education: Preparing for a New School Year.](#)