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Re: Update for Parents, School Re-Entry

Families of Canadian Rockies Public Schools,

First, I want to thank all of you who have completed the ‘Registration for At-Home Learning and In-School Learning Fall 2020’. This information will enable us to immediately move forward with detailed plans to support both of these learning options for families. We know that this is a difficult decision for some families given the uncertainty that surrounds the pandemic. We want to assure you that no matter which option families choose, students will continue to receive a high quality of education. It is important to note that if a student is enrolled in at-home learning, they will not receive instruction from their designated in-school learning teacher. They will be assigned an at-home learning teacher who will be responsible for a specific group of students that have chosen at-home learning. Also, depending on the numbers and resources in both in-school learning and at-home learning for K-8 students, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to accommodate transfers between the learning options during the first quarter (August 31st -November 6th). This would cause significant staffing challenges, as well as a disruption in learning for students who would be required to transition to a new teacher and to a new method of instruction.

Very recently, the province provided revised school re-entry guidance information to school divisions. We are currently updating our Divisional Re-Entry Plan and will send this updated plan to families tomorrow. Given that schools are currently concentrating on preparing to receive students next week, we have asked principals to update their School Re-Entry Plans with the most significant, recent changes from the divisional plan by the end of the day Friday, August 28th. Complete updates to school plans will take place by Tuesday, September 8th.

Please note three of the significant changes that will be coming in our updated divisional re-entry plan tomorrow:

1. There will be a change to documentation requirements for students with pre-existing conditions. A formal document that shows a negative test result will *not* be required; however, testing must still take place and the school will need to be informed of the negative test result either via phone or email.
2. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, you or your child will *not* be

required to provide a formal document that shows a negative test result before entry or re-entry to school. You are legally required to [isolate](#) for a minimum of **10 days** if you have tested positive for COVID-19. The isolation period is for 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever takes longer.

3. CRPS will review plans for school sports by October 1, 2020.

Further details on the aforementioned changes will be coming tomorrow in the updated re-entry plan.

CRPS continues to be committed to providing a safe return to school for both staff and students. To date, CRPS has invested approximately \$150,000.00 to purchase pandemic supplies that have been distributed throughout the division. These supplies include, but are not limited to, 2550 individual hand sanitizers, floor distancing signs, floor tape, no-touch sanitizing stations, plexiglass partitions, face shields, masks, gloves, and wipes. Furthermore, CRPS has increased its allocation for caretaking costs to support additional safety measures that are needed for the upcoming school year.

As a final reminder, we recommend that you make yourself familiar with the daily [Self-Screening Questionnaire](#) and that you take some time at home to allow your child to become familiar with wearing a mask, in the event that they begin to display symptoms at school and/or if they are in Grades 4 to 12.

We are confident that we can minimize risk and protect the safety and well being of our students and staff by working together and following public health and safety measures. We want to reiterate that our overall approach will be to have rigorous structures in place for initial re-entry to ensure safety, with a plan to ease up on these restrictions as soon as the situation allows.

We look forward to welcoming students back next week!

Sincerely,



Christopher MacPhee  
Superintendent of Schools