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Holy Cross School COVID-19 FAQ's

The following should be considered a living document and subject to potential edits in the future with respect to the current circumstances and mandates set forth by the Provincial Government.

The FAQ's herein are to be used for the purpose of providing answers to frequently asked questions from parents or guardians regarding Holy Cross School's policies with respect to COVID-19.

How should students be expected to enter the school in a staggered fashion?

- Find the most up to date changes on the "Revised Staggered Entrance" as of September 14th, 2020 here: [Memo to Parents Sept. 14, 2020](#) from Principal Cap.

Where can I drop off and pick up my child?

- Please be aware that we have students entering and exiting the school at three (3) entry/exit locations.

- i) **Pre-Kindergarten Enter and Exit** from the front door of the **office front door**
- ii) **Kindergarten Enter and Exit** through the front doors of the **gymnasium**
- iii) **Grades 1 - 8 Enter and Exit** in the **rear doors of the school**.

- **Gr.1 - 8** will meet at the designated signs for each grade posted on the yellow poles at the East end of the parking lot.

When can I drop off my child?

- Staff supervision will be provided at the above locations at **8:00 AM**.

- **Pre-Kindergarten** and **Kindergarten** students will meet their teachers at the above locations between approximately **8:15 AM – 8:20 AM**.

- Students can line up any time after then and then will be **permitted in** to the building at the **8:20 AM** bell.

- Students arriving at the school **before 8:00 AM** must be attend the **Before and After School Program** in the cafeteria accessed through the front gymnasium doors.

When and where can I pick up my child?

All grades Pre K – 8 will be dismissed in a **staggered** fashion as follows, between:
2:45 - 3:00 PM

- Pre-Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:45 PM **Front Office door**
- Kindergarten will be dismissed at 2:40 PM **Front Gymnasium door**
- Grades 1- 4 will be dismissed between 2:50 and 3:00 PM **Parking lot**
- Grade 5 will be dismissed at or around 2:50 PM **Parking lot**
- Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be dismissed at 2:45 PM **Parking lot**

What if I need to drop my child off earlier than 8:00 AM?

- The **Before School Program** available for the supervision of your child at the **front gymnasium doors** begins at **7:00 AM**.

What if I need to pick them up later 3:00 PM?

- The **After School Program** is available at **3:00 PM** and is **FREE** for families until **3:30 PM**

- **After 3:30** the program is available for the supervision of your children **until 5:30 PM**

- Please remember your child must be registered in the Before and After School program.

* All parents entering the gymnasium doors to drop off and pick-up their child and **MUST** wear a protective mask.

Will the hallways and staircases have direction arrows to avoid congestion?

- Yes, hallways have directional arrows indicating the proper direction for students travelling through the halls.

- Indicative stickers have also been placed on the floor to mark spacing where waiting is required as well as various signs reminding students of proper hygiene and sanitization practices to be followed.

Why do not all of the desks and classrooms have barrier shields?

- Poly-carbonate plastic divider shields exist between student's/teacher's chairs and desks at times when and if they could not be spaced beyond the Provincial recommendations of one meter.

What about Face Masks?

- Face masks are mandatory to be worn at all times for students in Grades 4 – 8, with the exception of when eating or drinking.

- For Grades 3 and below, masks are suggested to be worn whenever possible.

- Parents are requested to provide their child with their own mask

- Extra masks are available if a one is needed as a backup,

- The school has purchased enough masks for 2 per student from Grade 4-8, but plan only to provide for when they do not have one

- Holy Cross School abides by the guidelines established by the MB Provincial Educational and Health Guidelines.

Will the classroom be subdivided into cohorts?

- Yes cohorts will be used where possible and in the best interests of safety.

Where will the children be eating lunch?

- Lunch will be enjoyed at the student's desks within their classrooms.

What about microwaves?

- The use of the school's microwaves is discouraged.

Will there still be hot lunch available?

- The lunch program will follow COVID guidelines and will continue to be available.

- Educational Assistants will circulate from classroom to classroom during lunch to supervise.

- Extra custodial assistance has been employed for daytime sanitization and cleaning.

What do I do if my child is sick?

- The following Provincial Government's [website](#) provides useful recommendations for parents regarding what to do if you or your child becomes ill.
- It is the parent's responsibility to screen their child for illness before school; if your child falls ill while at school, the school will check their temperature and contact the concerned family to pick the child up from the school.
- If your child is ill before coming to school, it is the parent's responsibility to keep the child at home, advise the administration office and the classroom teacher.
- Also see the school's [Memo to Parents Sept. 14, 2020](#) regarding screening.

If a child is showing symptoms, where will the child be isolated?

- If a child falls ill, there are designated areas where the student will isolate with the primary space being the nursing room.
- Parents will be contacted to pick up their child within the hour and the child will be provided a mask and face shield while staff will check on the child while they wait.

How do parents enter the school?

- If a parent need enter the school, a prior appointment should be made with the office.
- All parents and visitors must wear a mask upon entry of the school.

Does Holy Cross offer remote learning?

- Currently Holy Cross School is using the Holy Cross School Reopening Plan 2020-2021 - approved by Manitoba Education.
- If a child is ill, parents/guardians will make arrangements with the teacher for homework to be sent home.
- If the Province mandates a move to an online learning platform, please see the Holy Cross [School Day Structure/Learning Plans for the Different Scenarios](#).
- Remote learning is not being offered at this time.
- If parents choose to withdraw their child from Holy Cross and home-school their child, the child would need to be registered with the Provincial Independent Education unit.

What is the protocol should someone within the Holy Cross community test positive for COVID-19?

- The Provincial Government's Department of Public Health will inform the school and be in touch with all parties and instruct the school on the next steps.

What if I have other COVID-19 related questions?

- Please refer to the [Holy Cross School Re-Opening Plan](#)