



Chinook Learning Services

Re-Entry at James Fowler High School

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Please read carefully the information on this site to gain an understanding of the measures we are taking to provide for the safety and health of our students. The CBE will continue to make adjustments as our context changes. While this plan is set for now, updates are expected via the CBE corporate website. Parents are advised to check regularly.

We are asking that families start the first day back to classes with our new procedure. Please print a copy of the COVID self-screening questionnaire. The following link will allow you to download the most current Alberta Health daily checklist. It is necessary that students be assessed using the [Self-screening Questionnaire](#) daily before school. Students showing symptoms listed on the [Self-screening Questionnaire](#) **must** remain home.

Health Measures:

- Hand Washing: Students will be instructed on the location of hand sanitizers and reminded to use them frequently.
 - Hand sanitizing stations are located in entrances, exits, classrooms without sinks and near high touch equipment.
- Illness at school:
 - Students exhibiting signs of illness will be asked to head home immediately. If the student needs to wait for a ride they will be moved to Room 102B This area will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after the student has left.
 - It is critical parents/guardians or a pre-identified emergency contact pick up an ill child within an hour of being contacted by the school.

Masks: Masks are mandatory for all students from kindergarten to grade 12. This includes classrooms and public spaces such as hallways, learning commons, bathrooms, etc. [Mask guidelines](#) are now available and provide details about mask use in our schools and workplaces, including information about the times and locations masks must be worn, when mask breaks can occur and who may be exempted from wearing masks.

- Volunteers and Guest Visitors:
 - Although volunteers are valued members of our community in their support of our students, to minimize outside contact of established student cohorts, there will be no volunteers working in the school. Individuals are encouraged to communicate with the school through email or by phone.

- In-person guests such as guest speakers and artists in residence will not be invited into schools to minimize outside contact of established cohorts.
- These decisions will be revisited throughout the year.

Physical Set-up of Schools:

Physical Distancing: Schools will arrange and monitor physical distancing when and where possible as outlined in the [Guidance for School Re-Entry – Scenario 1](#).

- Classroom set-up.
 - Desks are arranged in rows with students facing forward.
 - Seating plans are mandatory and will be in place for every class.
- Cohorts: Each student in high school follows a personalized timetable. Each class in which a student is enrolled is considered a cohort.
- Common Areas: Consideration has been given to managing student numbers where students often gather. To limit the number of students interacting in common areas, the following measures have been put in place;
 - Chinook students will have no access to the JFHS entrances/exits (other than the main front doors) and/or any other part of James Fowler High School. All students must enter and exit the building using the south parking lot doors, near the student parking lot.
 - If students arrive slightly early for their class, they are expected to go directly to their classroom and sit at their pre-assigned desk
 - All students need to be in their classroom, or they must leave the building.
 - There will be no access to a Student Centre/Learning Commons, Cafeteria, or vending machines.
 - Classroom breaks will be staggered to decrease the number of students in hallways at any one time
 - Only one student at a time, per class, will be allowed out to use the washrooms. Sign-out sheets will be implemented to track when students are outside the classroom.
 - When using the bathrooms, students are expected to keep appropriate physical distance between them at all times; therefore, only certain sinks and urinals have been designated for use. Physical distancing markers will be on the hallway floor to guide waiting students.
 - Only one student will be permitted in the main office at a time. Physical distancing markers will be on the hallway floor to guide waiting students. Appointments are recommended.
 - All students need to walk on the right side of the hallway – similar to cars travelling on a road. When crossing another student's path is unavoidable, please maintain physical distancing (2m).
 - Students needing to use the Test Centre will need to book an appointment since limited spacing is available – more information will be given to you by your teacher.



- Lunch: Cafeterias will follow the Alberta government's strict [COVID-19 health guidelines](#).
 - Most students do not need to eat lunch at Chinook since they are only attending one class per day. If the student has a morning and an afternoon class:
 - Students must bring their own food, beverages, and snacks as they will have no access to the cafeteria or vending machines.
 - Food items should not require heating, as there will be no access to microwave ovens.
 - Students will move to their designated space to eat lunch at their pre-assigned desk
 - All other students will be asked to leave the building
 - If the student has an afternoon class and arrives early, they are expected to go directly to their classroom and sit in their pre-assigned desk
- Water bottles: Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to fill and have available over lunch and at their desks during the day. As a high touch area, water fountains will be sanitized regularly. The use of water bottles will also limit movement in the hallways.

Storage of Student Belongings/Change Rooms:

- Lockers: In order to support physical distancing, no lockers will be used. Lockers will be locked. Locker use will be re-visited throughout the year.

Movement in school: We are minimizing occasions of large gatherings of students and managing movement overall of students in the hallways.

- Entrances and exits: All students will have assigned doors for entry and exit and directed movement in the building.
 - All Chinook students will only have access to the building through the south doors, near the student parking lot, and the main front door of the school.
 - Although it is inconvenient, if the student is taking public transit, please walk around the building and enter through the south doors or through the main front door of the building.
 - Anticipate one-way traffic. Similar to hallway motion, please enter through the 'right hand doors' and exit through the 'right hand doors.'
- Arrival and departure times at school are the busiest times for our school. To assist in the movement of students and to support physical distancing we are implementing the following:
 - Walking students: students are discouraged from arriving early and staying at school after dismissal.
 - When entering the building, students need to be patient and maintain physical distancing.
 - Every student must use the hand sanitizer when entering the building then proceed directly to their classroom
 - Every student must also sanitize their hands when exiting the building at the conclusion of their class(es).

The health and safety of students will remain a priority for our school and we will keep you updated as new information becomes available. As mentioned, detailed information for the guidelines for safety and health for all schools is available on [CBE's Scenario 1 Information](#) website. We are confident that, as a community, we will soon adjust to our new protocols and practices. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school and resuming our time together as a positive and caring learning community.

