

Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

COVID-19 School Re-Opening Plan

2020-2021



Learning Happens Here

On July 30th 2020 the Province of Manitoba announced their Restoring Safe School guidelines and announced that we will be opening schools for near-normal operations with health measures in place.

We are currently processing registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are available to be picked up from the Vaughan Street entrance or they can be accessed through our school website:

https://www.winnipegsd.ca/schools/WinnipegAdultEdCentre/School_Registration_Information/Pages/default.aspx

As we prepare to welcome you to our school for the 2020-2021 school year we have been working to put together a strategy to ensure everyone is as safe as possible.

This school year will be unlike any before. However, we are focused on providing a high quality teaching and learning environment that keep our staff and students as safe as possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre and supporting you on your educational journey.

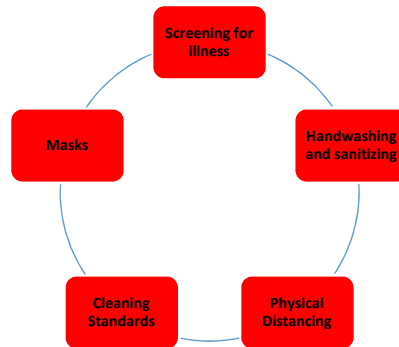
The following information will help you to understand our COVID-19 re-opening strategy. Please take a look at the guidelines and recommendations. Should you have further questions please contact us at (204) 947-1674.

Sincerely,

Aaron Benarroch

Principal WAEC

Safety and Well-Being



Protecting each other is the shared responsibility of all members of the school community. The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre have put the following plans in place based on current recommendations from the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg School Division.

Screening for illness

Before coming to school each day, all staff and students must complete the Government of Manitoba's COVID-19 Self-Screening Assessment to determine if they can attend or must stay home. Staff or students who have any symptoms must stay home, isolate and contact Health Links.

Self-Screening Assessment Link: <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

Upon arriving at school, you will see a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Poster at the entrance asking staff and students to self-assess prior to entering the building. Any person with symptoms or who has been in contact with someone who is ill or is suspected of having COVID-19 may not enter. You are asked to go home, isolate and contact Health Links.

Showing signs of illness while at school

If a student or staff member exhibits symptoms while at school they will be provided with a non-medical mask (unless there are safety issues that prevent them from wearing one) and will be asked to leave the building to go home to isolate and contact Health Links.

Additional cleaning will take place to ensure that all high touch areas in the locations where the staff or student spent time are appropriately sanitized.

If there is a case of COVID-19 connected with the school we will follow the direction of public health officials who will lead the response.

Handwashing and sanitizing

Everyone who enters the building will be required to use hand sanitizer or wash their hands immediately. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at all entrances.

Students and staff will be required to wash or sanitize their hands throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms.

Posters promoting proper hand hygiene will be placed throughout the school for staff and students to reference.

Physical Distancing

Staff and students are to enter through the Vaughan Street doors and exit through the Colony Street doors.

Staff or students requiring ramp and elevator access can enter and exit through the Colony Street elevator door. A maximum of 2 people will be allowed in the elevator at a time.

While waiting to enter the building staff and students are asked to maintain a 2 meter physical distance.

Hallways will be marked to show the direction of flow as well appropriate distancing.

Classes will be set up to allow for 2 meters of distancing between each person.

In order to maintain physical distancing requirements **students will attend in person classes on a rotational basis at least 2 days per cycle.**

The frequency of in person attendance will depend on each individual class size.

Class dismissal times will be staggered to allow for social distancing in our hallways and common spaces.

The student lounge will remain closed at this time. Students are asked to leave the building when they are not attending a class.

When using the library staff and students are asked to follow the visual cues provided and maintain a 2 meter distance.

There will be a maximum of 2 people allowed in the guidance office reception area and students are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with a guidance counsellor. Phone and online meetings will be utilized whenever possible to allow us to maintain appropriate physical distancing guidelines.

Cleaning standards

Increased cleaning and sanitizing measures will be implemented which includes frequent cleaning of door knobs, faucet handles, electronic devices, washrooms, etc.

All classrooms will have hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies for use.

Masks

The Province of Manitoba has mandated the use of masks for students in grades 4 and up as well as all staff and visitors where 2 meters of physical distancing is not possible.

While at school staff and students are **required to wear a mask** at all times when they are not able to maintain 2 meters of physical distancing.

Visitor Access

All visitors must sign in upon arrival and adhere to self-screening, physical distancing and recommended hygiene practices.

Teaching and Learning

To support recommended physical distancing measures we will use a blended model of in person classes and remote learning.

To support this model, The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre has a robust online learning platform where students can access course blogs, video lessons, resources and materials to allow for instruction and assessment during remote learning.

WAEC Learn Anywhere link:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/WinnipegAdultEdCentre/StudentResources/blogs/Pages/default.aspx>

Upon registering, we request that students answer a few questions related to their access to technology. This will help us to prepare the materials required to support both in person and remote learning. Electronic and print materials will be available for all courses. Adaptations to materials will be made based upon student need.

For more information on registration and our school timetable please visit our website or contact the school office:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/schools/WinnipegAdultEdCentre/AcademicsAndClasses/Pages/default.aspx>

Supporting mental health and well-being

COVID-19 has caused a lot of uncertainty for families and communities. Student and staff mental health and well-being will be an area of focus at the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre. We have a team of guidance counsellors, clinicians and resource teachers that will work together with all staff to monitor student mental health and well-being.

All staff have received professional development in the areas of Wellness and Trauma Informed practice. We will continue to focus on professional learning in the area of Mental Health and Well-Being.

Links and Resources

Public Health Resources:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/index.html>

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/bewell/index.html>

Winnipeg School Division Pandemic Planning:

<https://www.winnipegssd.ca/Parents/PandemicPlanning/Pages/default.aspx>

Restoring Safe Schools:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/rss-practice-guidance.html>

Additional site information

Adolescent Parent Centre

Students will attend in person classes daily.

Students will be placed into cohorts that will stay together.

Cohorts will be small enough to allow for recommended physical distancing measures in all learning spaces.

Students will be assigned to 4 courses per day: Food and Nutrition, Textiles, Art and Design, English and Math for 10 week blocks. There will be flexibility in place if students require other courses (example: online science courses, independent learning, etc.)

For more information, please contact the Adolescent Parent Centre at (204) 775 5440

Off Campus - River Osborne

To support recommended physical distancing measures we will use a blended model of in person classes and remote learning.

In order to maintain physical distancing requirements students will attend in person classes on a rotational basis at least 2 days per cycle.

The frequency of in person attendance will depend on each individual class size.

For more information, please contact the main office at (204) 947-1674

Off Campus – Kaakiyow

Students will attend on a daily basis. Groupings will be small enough to allow for recommended physical distancing measures to be followed.

For more information, please contact the Kaakiyow office at (204) 582-9579

Off Campus – Taking Charge

Students will attend as a cohort on a daily basis. While the Taking Charge building on Colony Street remains closed classes will take place at the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre main building at 310 Vaughan Street.

For more information, please contact the main office at (204) 947-1674

Off Campus – TERF

Students will attend on a daily basis. Groupings will be small enough to allow for recommended physical distancing measures to be followed. All staff and students will be responsible for following the safety guidelines and procedures put in place by New Directions.

For more information, please contact the TERF office at (204) 786-7051

WSD Adult EAL Program

Students will begin the school year primarily via remote learning. Students will meet with students using video and deliver print materials as required. The goal is to increase blended learning opportunities overtime.

For more information, please contact the main office at (204) 942-5654.