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The Province of Manitoba has now confirmed that it will move ahead with the Education portion of Phase II of its Restoring Safe Services Plan, with schools opening on a limited basis as early as June 1 ([MB Education Limited Use of Facilities site](#)). Within Winnipeg School Division, each school has developed a plan to meet student needs for the month of June, and our staff who have been able to work from home will be returning on a gradual basis through June. Please note, however, that this does not mean a full return of students to the classroom. Access to the school will be by invitation only. The safety of students, teachers, school staff and families is paramount, which is why we continue to rely on the advice provided by public health officials.

Your child's school has developed a plan to gradually offer services through the month of June, which includes strict safety protocols, limited number of people in the building at any time, and invitations to each student to come into the school at scheduled times, at least once in June. Over the next couple of weeks, one of our staff will contact you to make arrangements for your child to come to school to meet with their teacher. Coming into our school is going to be different for the foreseeable future, as we implement screening, social/physical distancing and other safety protocols both at the entry and throughout the school and classrooms. You may want to consider talking about this with your child, especially younger children, so that they are not overwhelmed or frightened by the changes.

Please be reminded that no person showing flu-like symptoms will be admitted entrance to any WSD school or building. This includes coughing, sneezing, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath or runny-nose. Parents are asked to monitor their child's health using the [Shared Health Self Assessment Tool](#) before sending them to school. Students who show flu-like symptoms are asked not to report to school for their scheduled meeting. Intake screening will be conducted for all students before entering the building. Parents with younger children are asked to wait with their child until they have been screened and allowed to enter the school. If your child is unable to be allowed entry, they must be taken home. Participating in school re-entry in June is optional for student and families. Planning and assessment may be done remotely or in person depending on your family's needs and individual considerations.

There will not be any lunch programs during the month of June and cafeterias will also be closed. As mentioned previously, student transportation is not being provided during June and it is the parent/guardians' responsibility to make arrangements for their child.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate Phase II and our measured and strategic response. Our top priority continues to be the health and welfare of our children.