

## Interlake Hutterian Schools Reopening Plan 2020

Concord, Kelsey, Lightly, Mallard, Meadow Lane, New Haven, Omega, Prairie Blossom, Rock Lake

**\*\*\*In-class learning will resume on September 14 for approved Hutterian Colony Schools.\*\*\***

<b>Student Learning in Interlake Hutterian Schools...</b>	
Cohorts	<p>The purpose of cohorts is to limit the mixing of students and staff so that if a child or employee develops an infection, there are fewer possible exposures and contact tracing can be more easily done. Manitoba Education asked for cohorts of 75 or less, therefore each Hutterian school will be one cohort. This means we can have all students in school every day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Grade 1-12 students will be in school every day</li><li>• K students will attend school for half a day, 5 days a week</li></ul> <p>Class combinations will remain the same as in previous years. They will be split into Early Years, Middle Years, and High School combinations of students depending on the teaching staff.</p>
Courses and timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All subject areas will be taught. Teaching will focus on core curricula - Mathematics and English Language Arts.</li><li>• Cross-curricular, themed lessons will be planned by teachers.</li><li>• Physical Education will be taught outside, when possible.</li><li>• Music programming will not include singing.</li></ul>
Recovery learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Initial assessments will determine the levels and abilities of students. This will identify starting points for instruction, which may differ for individuals or groups of students within the same program, grade, or classroom.</li><li>• Teachers will differentiate instruction as required.</li><li>• Teachers will discuss individual goals with each student.</li><li>• Where it is determined that further intervention is required to build/recover specific skills, classroom teachers will consult with the Student Services Team to program for targeted areas of need.</li></ul>
Timetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School opening and closing times will remain the same as in previous years.</li><li>• Teachers will supervise the entry and exit of one class at a time in two or three classroom schools, thus avoiding congestion.</li></ul>
Plan for extracurricular programs and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Welcome back to school” events and literacy information presentations will take place after school hours, in a socially distanced setting at a prearranged time. This will ensure limited visitors to the school.</li><li>• School community events, such as concerts, large group presentations, etc. will not be scheduled for the fall or winter terms. Plans will be reassessed as pandemic information and directives evolve.</li></ul>

## Building & Operations in Interlake Hutterian Schools...

<p>Increased cleaning, sanitization, and hand hygiene</p>	<p>Interlake Hutterian Schools have planned for the increased frequency of cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing, particularly for high-touch surfaces and common/shared areas. Our plan includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A hand sanitizing station at the entry of each school. Each student will use it upon entry.</li> <li>• Hand sanitizer in each classroom</li> <li>• The prominent display of signs and posters throughout the school to highlight the importance of hand hygiene, physical distancing, cough etiquette, and staying home when sick</li> <li>• Disinfecting commonly touched surfaces frequently, at least three times daily. (taps, light switches, door handles)</li> <li>• Teachers will inventory their classrooms and remove materials that are not easily sanitized.</li> <li>• Teachers will clean work surfaces and learning tools as needed between use by students and staff.</li> <li>• Cleaning schedules will be adjusted as needed to ensure compliance with cleaning protocols (See Appendix 1).</li> </ul>
<p>Physical distancing and masks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom seating is organised so that there is physical distancing in the classroom. The teacher will be distanced from the students when possible.</li> <li>• Staff are to wear non-medical masks in common areas and where physical distancing of two metres is not possible. Interaction between students, and between staff and students that require less than 2m of distance will not be prolonged.</li> <li>• Where interventions or support of students with complex needs require less than 2m of distance between student and staff for a prolonged period of time, staff will be required to wear personal protective equipment including masks and/or gloves.</li> <li>• Non-medical masks are required for students in Grades 4 to 12, teachers, staff, visitors, and volunteers <b>when physical distancing of two metres is not possible.</b></li> </ul>
<p>Learning supplies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will be given their own educational supplies for use in school.</li> <li>• The teacher will keep their supplies separate from the students.</li> <li>• Teachers will remove any unnecessary items from their classrooms to ensure distancing between staff and students.</li> </ul>
<p>Protocols for students and staff</p>	<p>All Hutterian staff will participate in professional learning related to COVID-19, specific to their roles and responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Public Health requirements and protocols for screening, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, physical distancing</li> <li>• Cleaning protocols</li> <li>• Extensive review and practice of all components of the school-specific plan</li> </ul> <p>Professional learning took place at the Stonewall Heritage Centre on September 2, 2020.</p> <p>Staff Well-Being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ISD Student Services Department will communicate the supports available and the process for accessing those supports to all staff.</li> <li>• Staff who require access to the supports available will communicate their needs directly to their supervisor.</li> </ul>

Protocols for students and staff (cont.)

Personal Protective Equipment

- Staff are to wear non-medical masks in common areas and where physical distancing of two metres is not possible.
- Masks will be provided at the school if needed.
- Each staff member will also be provided with a face shield should they choose to wear one.

**Responding to Symptoms and Illness**

❖ **Symptoms of COVID-19 can vary from person to person. Symptoms may also vary in different age groups. Some of the more commonly reported symptoms include:**

- **new or worsening cough**
- **shortness of breath or difficulty breathing**
- **temperature equal to or over 38°C**
- **feeling feverish**
- **chills**
- **fatigue or weakness**
- **muscle or body aches**
- **new loss of smell or taste**
- **headache**
- **gastrointestinal symptoms (abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting)**
- **feeling very unwell**

**Children have been more commonly reported to have abdominal symptoms, and skin changes or rashes.**

**The onset of Symptoms in a Child While at School**

- Parents must be called immediately and the child sent home.
- Staff must be mindful of hand hygiene and avoid contact with the respiratory secretions of the student.
- Staff will disinfect the area.

**The onset of Symptoms in Staff While at School**

- If a staff member becomes symptomatic while at work, they will immediately isolate themselves from other staff and students, notify their supervisor, and go home to isolate.
- Staff are advised to contact *Health Links-Info Santé* (204-788-8200 or 1-888-315-9257) or their health care provider for direction.

**Sick Staff Members**

- Staff members who are away sick or who are self-isolating will follow divisional Human Resources direction and collective agreement provisions.
- Medical notes are not currently required for staff who have COVID-19 or flu-related symptoms, or for those caring for individuals in this situation.
- A sick staff member can return to work once it has been determined that it is safe to do so by their health care provider or Public Health.

Student, Family, and Staff in Interlake Hutterian Schools...	
Attendance and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>School attendance is mandatory</i> for children aged 7 to 18 in Manitoba.</li> <li>• All students are expected to participate fully in learning, even if/when remote learning is required.</li> <li>• Classroom teachers will only support learning at home for students who have been medically advised not to return to in-class learning due to COVID-related risk factors.</li> </ul>
The importance of hand hygiene and symptom monitoring in staff and students	<p>Posters will be displayed to share information about hand hygiene and symptom monitoring. Teachers will explain the hygiene measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptom screening of all students and staff must occur at home at the start of each day.</li> <li>• Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring their children are not displaying symptoms before sending them to school.</li> <li>• Staff are responsible for self-screening.</li> <li>• School staff may support screening at school in cases when a student did not self-screen at home.</li> <li>• Screening protocols will be in place for all people entering our school.</li> <li>• Please act in the best interest of public health for all:</li> </ul> <p><b><i>KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE SICK OR DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF COLD, FLU, OR COVID-19</i></b></p> <p><b><i>STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK OR DISPLAYING ANY SYMPTOMS OF COLD, FLU, OR COVID-19</i></b></p>
<p><b>Hand hygiene fundamental to preventing the spread of COVID-19.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Hutterian staff and students will engage in handwashing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or using hand sanitizer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ at the start of the day and before going home</li> <li>▪ after going to the washroom</li> <li>▪ before preparing food</li> <li>▪ before and after eating</li> <li>▪ after getting hands dirty</li> <li>▪ after wiping noses or handling dirty tissues</li> <li>▪ after coughing, sneezing, or blowing nose</li> <li>▪ after cleaning tasks (staff)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be provided at all building access points and in classrooms.</p>	
Visitors to the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We welcome parents/visitors to the school but we require that they follow distancing and health protocols to keep themselves, students, and staff healthy. When possible, parents are asked to call ahead to arrange the best time to visit.</li> <li>• Visitors to the school must use the hand sanitation station on arrival.</li> </ul>
Mental health and well-being supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom teachers and Guidance counsellors will discuss mental health and well being.</li> <li>• In school discussions about ways to stay healthy</li> <li>• School-based staff will also engage divisional student services supports and external service providers as needed.</li> </ul>

**The fundamentals of screening for symptoms, practicing good hand hygiene and cough etiquette, and physical distancing are paramount to reducing the spread, with or without a mask.**

The Hutterian school-specific plan is very much a working document. New information and Public Health recommendations will impact what and how we continue to do things. We all must be prepared to change and adjust on short notice throughout the school year to adhere to an ever-evolving situation. The Hutterian staff is dedicated to working closely with you, our families, and communities, to navigate this unprecedented time.

Remote learning will continue if /when required

Remote learning	Schools using technology	Schools without technology
	Teachers will deliver programming using Zoom, Teams, and other video tools. Teachers will be online up to 3 hours a day but will assign work for the remainder of the school day.	Teachers will deliver educational packages to students. This work will be retrieved later in the week, feedback will be given and the packages returned. Teachers will contact each student every week.

Interlake School Divisional Plan: <https://www.interlakesd.ca/covid-19-parent-letters/> and Manitoba Education's [Welcoming our students back](#): **Restoring Safe Schools** has guided our programming and operations.

Appendix 1  
School cleaning checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ School Checklist & Sign-Off

<b>Tasks 3 times/ day</b>																			
Door Handles																			
Taps																			
Light Switches																			
Drinking fountains																			
<b>Tasks 1/ day</b>																			
Sinks																			
Toilets																			
Desks/Tables washed																			
Chairs Wiped																			
Cubby Hooks																			
Cupboards																			
Sweep floors																			
Carpets vacuumed																			
Computers wiped																			
Shelves																			
Countertops																			
Door and frames																			
Whiteboards																			
<b>Tasks 1 time/week</b>																			
Floor washed																			

Colony Cleaner's Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cleaning Product Stock Requests (include date of request):  
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