



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL • EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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January 9, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope you have had a restful and joyous Christmas with your families.

Over the last week, our staff has been hard at work to ensure that we are ready to welcome our students back to school tomorrow, Monday, January 10. We are very excited to see everyone!

As we prepare for students and staff to return to school safely, we continue to respond to the Covid-19 safety guidelines and measures that have been in place throughout this school year. The updated ECSD Back to School Plan can be found [here](#). We encourage you to take some time to familiarize yourself with the updated guidelines outlined within this document.

Working together is vital to ensure the safety of our entire school community. We ask for your help with your children at home to ensure everyone's safety and good health.

- ❖ **Daily Health Screening** – All staff and students are required to complete the Daily Health Screening Questionnaire prior to coming to school each day. The updated AHS Daily Health Checklist can be accessed [here](#). Thank you for remaining diligent about keeping your child at home when they are not well.
- ❖ If your child tests positive (Rapid Test or PCR) for Covid-19, you are encouraged to report cases to the school's administrative office.
- ❖ **Effective January 3, 2022**, Alberta's mandatory isolation periods for people with core symptoms, not related to a pre-existing illness are as follows:
 - **Fully Vaccinated:** 5 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve whichever is longer, plus 5 days of always wearing a mask when around others outside the home (exceptions include Phys Ed., when eating/drinking and when outdoors).
 - **Not fully vaccinated:** 10 days from start of symptoms or until they resolve whichever is longer.
 - If you **test negative and have symptoms**, you should stay home until symptoms resolve.
 - Household contacts of a positive case, **if not fully vaccinated**, are to remain home for 14 days.





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- ❖ Handwashing and sanitizing will remain a priority throughout the school. Our educators will continue to support our students with this daily practice.
- ❖ Our custodial staff continue to be diligent with cleaning and sanitizing high touch surfaces on a regular and consistent basis.
- ❖ Masks continue to be strongly recommended for our 100 Voices students. If your child can wear a mask, it is important that they do when at school. Students are not required to wear masks during snack time or outdoors. We ask that you send extra masks, in your child's backpack, in the event they need to replace a wet or dirty mask.

The Government of Alberta will be distributing medical-grade masks and at-home rapid test kits to schools. Please note that while these may add a layer of support and reassurance for you, they are of optional use and are to be used at your discretion. We expect the delivery of masks and at-home rapid test kits by the end of week. Once they arrive, they will be distributed directly to parents.

Effective Monday, January 10, we will resume communicating all reported cases of Covid-19 to families. Should there be a positive case in our school, you will receive a letter notifying you via SWIFT. The letter will indicate the number of reported positive cases in our school by classroom (this letter will resemble the notifications you received earlier in the year).

We want to assure you that we will continue to be diligent with all protocols set out for us by Edmonton Catholic and Alberta Health Services. We consider the health and safety of our students and staff of the utmost importance and will do all that we need to maintain safety and to protect our school community to the best of our ability.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.
Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

Michele Wedemire, Principal

Tara Pev, Assistant Principal

