



# St. Alphonsus School



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Dear St. Alphonsus School families:

Our number one priority at St. Alphonsus School is to keep our students and staff safe. We will do this while trying to keep school as normal as possible under the current circumstances. School is meant to be a safe and fun place to learn and grow. We cannot wait to see our Angels again.

St. Alphonsus School will be in contact with our families frequently through email, phone calls, text or other means as chosen by your teacher. Please ensure the school office has your current email address and phone number.

The following St. Alphonsus return to school plan follows the recommendations of the Ministry of Education, Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division and the Saskatchewan Health Authority as well as feedback from the recent family survey. If you have questions or feedback please contact the school at 306 783-4121.

## 1) Safe Attendance: Focusses on the health of students and staff before and while they are at school.

Students and staff who are showing symptoms of COVID 19 are required to stay home. A list of symptoms can be found at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/about-covid-19#symptoms>

Daily self-assessment for Covid symptoms would be expected of staff and students. See Appendix C.

If a child begins to show symptoms at school:

They will be asked to wear a non-medical mask and self-isolate in a supervised separate room until they are able to go home. A parent or guardian will be notified that their child is ill and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. The family will call HealthLine 811 or their family physician and follow their directions. School officials will contact Public Health. All areas at school used by the individual will be identified and immediately cleaned.

Public health officials will advise the family as to when it is possible for their child(ren) to return to school.

## 2) Safe Transportation: This focusses on the safe movement of students to and from school. Parents are encouraged to provide alternate means of transportation to the school, and only use bus transportation when necessary.

All Grade 4-12 students are required to wear a mask when using CTTCS transportation.

Students in Prekindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks when using CTTCS transportation.

Students may bring their own mask or they will be provided as needed. Please see the [Masks](#) heading below under [Safe Classrooms](#).

An assigned seating plan will be followed while on the bus. Please inform the office ASAP if your family intends to use the bus.

Please consider walking, biking or driving as transportation options.

Students not on the bus are asked to arrive as close to the 8:55 bell as possible. Students will be asked to meet near their designated entrances. Departure will be at 3:20 from the same designated exits. Students will be required to leave school property immediately following dismissal.

### 3) Safe Access: Focusses on the daily flow of students and staff in the building.

Pre-K, K, 1, 2, 3 and 4 will use the exterior exit/entrance of their classrooms. Grade 5, 6, 7, and 8 will have designated entrances/exits. These entrances/exits will be clearly marked at their respective doors. Teachers will be in contact with families to review procedures. Parents are encouraged to stay at their vehicle for drop off and pick up to help maintain social distancing. Parents picking up their children during the school day for appointments etc. can wait at their vehicle and call into the school when they arrive.

The Main entrance will have limited use. Visitors are not encouraged at this time. Visitors who are admitted into the school will have to wear a mask, sanitize and register at the office.

Recess and noon hour will have staggered start times. Teachers will notify families of their child(ren)'s daily schedule. Cohorts(classrooms) will also have designated areas on the playground or in the school where they can spend recess and noon hour.

Hallway traffic will be limited and directional arrows will be in place.

There will be no large gatherings at school for Mass, Liturgy or other assemblies. We will gather with the use of technology.

### 4) Safe Facilities: This will focus on the cleaning and sanitization of the school building.

A cleaning schedule for bathrooms and other high contact areas will be in place. Cleaning times will be logged. High contact areas and bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day. Cleaning staff's schedule has been altered to increase cleaning capacity during the school day. Additional cleaning staff has been hired to help with cleaning of high contact areas and washrooms in the school.

Chromebook carts will have a pre-assigned schedule for each cohort. Chromebooks will be sanitized before entering the next cohort (classroom).

The library will have scheduled times for cohorts (classrooms) to use. The library will be sanitized between each classroom's use. A basket system will be used to return books. Books will have covers wiped and held for 24 hours before returned to circulation.

Partitions have been added at the office and library for increased safety.

Partitions are available for all classrooms or in situations where one on one interaction may occur such as with the school counsellor, speech and language or LAC and SSST teachers.

## 5) Safe classrooms: This will focus on the safe sharing of space between students and staff in a classroom setting.

Students will remain with the same cohort(classroom) as much as possible. We will limit the number of staff entering a cohort.

Learning spaces will be organized to ensure students are forward-facing during instruction. Student supply lists have been limited to help keep students supplies separate. Individual supplies will be stored separately.

We will emphasize the importance of frequent handwashing and proper coughing or sneezing etiquette and new classroom/school routines will be the focus of learning for the first little while at school. This will be reinforced throughout the year.

Staff have removed additional furniture from their classrooms to assist with social distancing.

Pre-K and K classrooms will have sanitizing routines in place for students and materials. This will be communicated to families by teachers.

Hand sanitizing stations will be available at each classroom. Students and staff will be required to sanitize before entering a cohort (classroom).

### Masks:

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division in consultation with public health has decided to begin the school year at Level 2 of the Safe Schools Plan which includes the use of masks.

- o All Grade 4-12 students are required to wear a mask when using CTTCs transportation.
- o Students in Prekindergarten to Grade 3 will be encouraged, but not required, to wear masks while in school or when using CTTCs transportation.
- o It is strongly recommended that students in Grade 4 and up wear a mask in high traffic areas and all other areas where physical distancing is not possible.
- o It is recommended that all staff wear a mask and/or face shield.
- o Students are welcome to bring their own masks. Bandanas and gaitor masks are not recommended as appropriate face coverings. Additional disposable masks will be made available to students when needed and required.
- o In some situations, wearing a mask may not be possible for a student. In these instances, staff members will work with the parents/caregivers to consider accommodations.

**6) Safe supports: This focusses on students who may have additional needs, as well as support for mental health of staff and students.**

Students who require off-site academic programming are invited to contact the school to discuss options.

Our school councillor will be available to meet with students. Staff have been trained in assisting students with regulation and to help deescalate situations as we understand some may be feeling anxious about their return. We want students to feel welcome and have them know we are excited to see them.

**7) Safe Activities: This will focus on extra-curricular activities and field trips.**

As of now all school-based sports have been put on hold until further notice.

Field trips will not happen at this time.

Physical Education will take place with a focus on individual learning and will often be outdoors.

Equipment that is used will be sanitized between cohorts.

**8) Safe Alternatives: We are currently operating at level 2 under the provincial contingency plan.**

As a school we will follow guidance from the ministry of education, Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools and the Saskatchewan Health Authority as to what level of educational delivery we operate under.

Our goal continues to be to keep all of our students and staff safe upon returning to school. We also recognize the importance of keeping the school environment as close to normal as possible. We are excited and blessed to be working with your children this school year.

Take care.

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