



COVID – 19 Omicron Variant

## FAQ for Return to School

January 2022

I acknowledge that Rocky Mountain School District 6 is located on the traditional territories of the Ktunaxa and Secwépemc peoples and the land that the Métis people have chosen to call home.

### Who will return on January 4<sup>th</sup>?

- Students who are children under 12 years of age of essential workers and students who have additional learning needs may return on January 4<sup>th</sup>. All other students will return to school on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents/guardians who are essential workers or have students that require additional learning supports should complete this [form](#) by January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5PM.
- All staff will return to their regular work location as per their regular schedule on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Who is considered an essential worker?

- Essential services is defined by the British Columbia Government in [this document](#).

### Will buses run beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>?

- Yes, all bus routes throughout the school district will operate at their normally scheduled time to ensure transportation is available for bus students who will be attending school.

### How will staff support students during the first week?

- School staff will work with school administration to ensure meaningful programming for students. New curriculum will not be addressed during this week and online instruction will not be provided during this time.

### What will school staff be doing next week if there are limited numbers of students attending?

- School staff will be using this time to prepare their classrooms and schools for a safe return to school for students. Health and safety planning will occur. Staff will be supporting in class learning for those students from essential workers' families or students with additional learning needs.



## What is the expectation for students not attending? Will teachers be reaching out virtually?

- Students will not have academic requirements during the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- School staff will not be providing instruction or instructional materials to students not at school during this week.

## Will afterschool programs be running?

- Afterschool programs may be running. Please contact the after-school program provider directly to inquire if these programs are available.

## Will StrongStart operate next week?

- No, StrongStarts will not be available until January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## School Sports

- Extracurricular sports tournaments will be paused.
- Sports tournaments are a single or multi-day gathering of three or more sports teams, who come together outside regular league play for the purpose of teams playing against multiple other teams, but does not include:
  - A gathering where team members compete on an individual basis against members of other teams, or;
  - A gathering where the result will decide if a team will advance to play in a national or international competition.
- Spectators will not be able to attend school sports.

## Visitors in Schools

- Visitors will be limited to those that are supporting activities that are of direct benefit to student learning and wellbeing, such as teacher candidates or program volunteers.

## Mask Use

- Please ensure that your child brings a mask to school.
- The PHO Order – Face Coverings requires all students, staff, and visitors to wear a mask indoors at school. Everyone who is able to (i.e., does not have a mask exemption) must wear a mask.
- Proper fit is a key factor in mask effectiveness. Masks worn at school should fit well.
- Masks are most effective when everyone who is able to is wearing one.
- Those with mask exemptions continue to follow any strategies identified to reinforce and enhance other safety measures.
  - Those not able to wear a mask all day continue to be encouraged to wear one as much as they're able to.
  - For those with mask exemptions, administrators and staff support other strategies identified to reinforce and enhance other safety measures.

## Field Trips

- Field trips will be cancelled or postponed during the week of January 4 – 10, 2022.
- Other field trips will be evaluated given current public health orders.

## Before sending a student to school

- Do the [Daily Health Check](#).
- If your child is unwell please stay home.
- If you need detailed health information visit [BCCDC website](#).