



News

Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome students back to school! We will begin with approximately 1/3 of our student body attending for each of the first three days - see below for staggered entry dates. This will enable us to work with smaller groups to go through the protocols that will be in place.

You will receive an email from the classroom teacher before school starts. This email will inform you about the entry/exit door and the homeroom classroom details for your child. At beginning and end of day, teachers will be outside of the school with students until routines are established.

Student drop-off will be on the sidewalk outside the school and in the regular parking lot at SMS (or Elbow Valley if you have children in both schools). Staff will be meeting students outside and walking them in and out of the building to maintain social distancing. As staff will be present outside please drop and leave students to reduce the crowding in those areas.

If your child is enrolled in the on-line learning platform, she/he will remain as a student at Springbank Middle and will be eligible to attend extra-curricular sports practises.

For health and safety reasons, volunteers and visitors to the school will be restricted. We welcome our parents and families to feel free to contact teachers or administration for a call or an online appointment.

We hope to be flexible, adaptable and focused on keeping one another as safe as possible while at the same time creating and maintaining the rich learning opportunities at Springbank Middle. To achieve this goal it will take the efforts of all of our students, parents and staff. We're in this together!

We will continue to update you as the week progresses and as we confirm lists of students and staff moving to online and home-school learning. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Important Dates:

Staggered entry:

Sept. 2 - Surnames beginning with A-G

Sept. 3 - Surnames beginning with H-M

Sept. 4 - Surnames beginning with N-Z

Sept. 8 - Everyone attends

Important Links:

Parent Guide to Covid-19

<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/ee687c03-af4e-4e08-9a5c-2b913ebdf31b/resource/7f8220d3-5a9e-4716-bea5-c310dd959d9f/download/edc-covid-parents-guide-2020-21-school-year-2020-08.pdf>

Rocky View Schools Re-entry Plan

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/school-re-entry-plan>

Daily Health Checklist:

Please go through this checklist (at home) before going to school/boarding the bus - an important preventative measure to protect our students and staff from COVID. We are all responsible for stopping the spread and mitigating risk in our schools. This is to be kept at home for your private use.

[COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire](#)

Daily Practice Template:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d255ff9d-8151-4a0d-b7ad-2388e5e5555d>

School Daily Practices Template

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Time		Important Things to Remember
Before you leave for school		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the Daily Health Check BEFORE you leave for school If you answer YES to any questions please stay home, reach out to HealthLink and get cleared before returning to school Bring your mask to school
Before entering the building		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will need to wait off school property or in their vehicle Put on your mask Meet with your class in the designated area at 8:25 a.m. Stay physically distanced apart – two metres You will enter the school with a supervisor through various doors
The start of classes – entering the building		
Hand sanitizing stations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use hand sanitizer and clean your hands as you enter the building Sanitizer stations will be at the entrance of all classroom spaces as well
In the classroom		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use hand sanitizer and clean your hands each time you enter a classroom Wear your mask where physical distancing is not possible Please sit in your designated spot respecting physical distancing where possible Talk to your teacher if you need to leave the classroom for any reason Use your own supplies and do not share your supplies with others
Hallways		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the traffic flow designated for hallways and stairwells Wear your mask Please move swiftly from class to class No hallway lockers will be accessible
Washrooms		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask your teacher if you need to use the washroom during class time Students will be required to sanitize or wash their hands before and after using the washroom
Technology		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please bring your own device if possible Shared devices will be available but must be wiped and cleaned after use
Lunch		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will eat their lunch in grade 5 in home rooms, grade 6 in the cafeteria, grade 7 in home rooms, grade 8 in the cafeteria. Combined classes will be assigned a grade appropriate room to eat in. Students will be asked to wipe down their desk/table before and after eating with a provided wipe Students will be required to sanitize their hands before and after eating Wear your mask when not eating if physical distancing is not possible Please do not share food or utensils Student use microwaves is not allowed
Recess/Breaks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will exit and enter for recess using designated doors Recess and other breaks have been staggered to reduce the number of students interacting with others. Morning recess: grade 5 and 6 students must be outside. Grade 7 and 8 will stay in the building in designated areas. Lunch recess will be

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		<p>staggered and the 15-minute reading block will take place at the beginning of the lunch recess for grades 5 & 6 and after lunch recess for grades 7 & 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisors will encourage students to maintain physical distancing while on break Playgrounds will be open Washroom breaks and bottle filling breaks will take place during class time, monitored by the classroom teacher. Dismissals will be staggered to reduce the volume of students transitioning at once, through the use of automated announcements. These will also be used to notify classes to go to options.
The end of the day – exiting the building		
Exiting the building		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will sanitize their hands when they enter classrooms and as they leave the classroom and head directly out of the building Students waiting for pickup will go to the designated parking area Parents will need to wait in their vehicle Students on buses will go directly to buses and board immediately

Please note masks are required for all staff and students Gr. 4 – Gr. 12 and encouraged for students K – Gr. 3.