



# Ahkwasàhsne Mohawk Board of Education

## School Reopening Protocol 2020-2021

le thi ha hon:nien - We make the road for them



# Introduction and Purpose

Our goal at AMBE is to provide a safe and healthy school environment for students, teachers and staff. We strive to provide a high quality education for all of our students, while keeping their health and safety at the forefront of our decisions.

Schools will reopen with two styles of teaching and instruction. A **hybrid model** will allow for smaller class sizes, these students would come into school for two days of instruction, and would also receive two days of remote learning instruction.

Parents who choose not to send their children into school, will receive four days of **remote learning** instruction. They will be required to log on to lessons for three to four hours a day, four days a week. (Times vary by grade)

AMBE is following the direction of Mohawk Council of Akwesasne Health Unit and the recommendations from the Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

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## Protection Strategies

AMBE is following the direction of the MCA Health Unit and the recommendations from Eastern Ontario Health Unit

### Screening

- Daily screening will occur for all students and staff who enter the building. Any student or staff who have a fever of 38 C or 100.4 F will be refused entry to the school.
- Students who utilize transportation will have their temperature checked prior to boarding the bus, if they have a temperature of over 38C or 100.4F they will not be allowed to get on the bus.
- Students who are driven to school will have to have their temperature checked before parents leave the premises.
- Staff will have a temperature screening completed as they enter the building.
- Staff or students who are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 should refrain from coming into the building and seek immediate medical care. If testing is warranted, said staff member or student should remain home until they are cleared to return to school by Community Health or a primary physician.

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### School Environment

#### Hand Hygiene

- Students will practice proper hand hygiene throughout the day.
- Teachers and families will be provided with regular information from Community Health.

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### School Environment

#### Masks

- All students will be required to wear masks while riding the bus. Parents/Guardians must provide their children with a storage container for their children's masks.
  - Examples include Ziplock bag, paper bag, a separate pencil case just for their mask. All containers must be clearly marked with their name on it.
- Staff will be required to wear masks all day.
- Students in K4 to Grade 3 will be encouraged but not required to wear masks in indoor spaces.
- Masks should be hung on hooks when not in use or stored in a paper bag.
- It is suggested that students and staff have a minimum of 2-4 masks per day.
- Students in grades 4 to 8 will be required to wear masks indoors in school, including hallways and during most classes.
- Recess time and outdoor breaks can be used as a time to provide students with break from wearing mask if they maintain social distancing.



Shields to be worn by K4 to Grade 3 students will be provided

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#### Cohorting

- Students will be kept in one small group during the day, with limited exposure to other students. This is in place to aid in contact tracing, if necessary.

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### School Environment

#### Distancing

- Movement within the school will be limited as much as possible.
- Each school will provide as much distancing as possible.





Divider for  
students'  
desks/tables

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### School Environment

#### Visitors

- Schools have been asked to limit or prohibit visitors (including parents) from entering the school.
- If you are dropping off or picking up your child outside of regular arrival and dismissal, you must call ahead and wait for someone to come out and greet you.
- All visitors on school grounds, including bus loading and unloading zones, are required to wear a mask.

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### Academics

#### Chromebooks

- AMBE will provide all students (K5 – Grade 8) with a Chromebook to support their learning
- Both learning styles (hybrid or full online) will make use of the Chromebook in their daily instruction

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### Academics

### Remote Learning

- Remote learning will be a combination of face to face instruction via google classroom, working on web based learning sites, and completing packets sent home from teachers.
- Protocol for on-line instruction will be reviewed with students and teachers at the start of the school year.
- Attendance will be taken on a daily basis.
- Students and parents will receive a schedule from their teachers outlining their instructional day.
- Parents who choose remote learning, cannot enroll their child back into the school until the end of the first term.

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### Academics Hybrid Model

- Each school will schedule classes to maximize the learning opportunities for the students. Hybrid classes will receive two in school days of instruction per week, and two days of on-line learning from the same teachers when possible. These will be their core classes of math, literacy, social studies or science, Mohawk language and physical education.
- On-line learning will be a combination of homework, teacher instruction and the use of web-based learning sites.
- On-line lessons will be a combination of live streamed and pre-recorded lessons.
- Protocol for on-line instruction will be reviewed with students and teachers at the start of the school year.
- Attendance will be mandatory for both in school and on-line learning.

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### Academics

### Online Learning Expectations

- Attendance will be mandatory
- Be prepared (materials) and on time
- All work will be graded and count towards your report cards
- Cameras on and must dress appropriately
- The duration of online sessions will vary according to grade level. These online sessions should be a combination of lessons, activities, group work and/or conferencing:
  - **K5 – Grade 2:** 1.5–2.5 hours per day
  - **Grade 3 – Grade 5:** 2 – 4 hours per day
  - **Grade 6 – Grade 8:** 3 – 5 hours per day

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### Transportation

- Student temperatures will be taken before they are allowed to enter the bus, if they have a fever of **38C or 100.4F** they will be turned away and a follow up call from the School Counselor will occur.
- All students will be required to wear a mask on the bus.
- Social distancing will be practiced on the bus.
- Only family members will be allowed to sit together, otherwise one student per seat.
- If you choose to provide transportation for your child, you will have to wait until the end of the first term for them to ride the bus.
- Please be aware that in order to shorten the length of time that students are on the bus, there will be no inter-district transportation provided. If you attend AMS and you reside in St Regis, Snye, or the American side, we cannot provide bus transportation to AMS. Bussing to Kana:takon and Tsi Snaihne School will not be impacted.
- Bus passes will not be accepted - pickup and drop off points must be the same.



# **Monitoring and Responding to reports of Covid-19 symptoms**



# Sick Students or Staff

- If students become sick at school they will be placed in an isolation room and monitored. Parents will be notified and will be required to immediately pick up their child.
  - Parents will notify Administration when they arrive at school with a face mask on
  - Administration will escort parents to the isolation room
  - Parents will collect their child
- Symptoms will be tracked and a report will be sent to Community Health.
- In order for a student to return to school they will require a doctor's note or proof of a negative Covid-19 test. If they are unable to provide documentation they will be expected to stay home for 14 days. During this time they will have access to online learning.
- Once the isolation room has been used it will be cleaned, sanitized and ventilated.
- Staff who become ill during the day should immediately inform their supervisor so that arrangements can be made for the staff member to leave.
- Staff will require a note to return back to work or proof of a negative COVID-19 test.

# Confirmed or Suspected Case

- AMBE upholds strict confidentiality with confirmed or suspected cases in our workplace. This falls under our oath of confidentiality.
- If staff or students have any Covid-19 symptoms, they should stay home and call their physician and seek immediate care.
- If there is a confirmed case:
  - Contact-tracing protocol will immediately go into effect notifying anybody who may have been potentially exposed to get tested.
  - The classroom will be cleaned, sanitized and ventilated.
  - Cases will only be confirmed from Community Health or EOHU. We will follow their guidance and recommendations for contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and potential closure.
  - If a full closure is warranted, all students will transition into remote learning.
  - If a student is at home quarantined and is feeling well they can join online classes

# Cleaning Standards and Protocol

- Routine cleaning will be done by maintenance staff throughout the day and after school.
- Bathrooms and horizontal surfaces will be wiped down and disinfected frequently.
- High traffic areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.
- Teachers and support staff will help in the cleaning of their classrooms.
- The AMBE Maintenance Manager will provide information to staff about proper cleaning solutions and cleaning protocols that are approved and used in the schools.
- All chairs and tables will be disinfected on a daily basis.
- Enhanced sanitizing procedures will be completed in the schools when students are not in the building.

# Food Services

- All students will eat breakfast and lunch in their classrooms.
- You can provide your own breakfast and lunch or utilize food services at a cost of \$2.00 per day.
- If sending a lunch, please provide items that your child can open independently. The food must not require refrigeration or a microwave.
- For more information, please contact the Food Services Facilitator, Louella Lazore at [louella.lazore@ambe.ca](mailto:louella.lazore@ambe.ca)

# Record Keeping for Contact Tracing

Schools will keep records of:

- Daily attendance (in-school and online)
- Daily seating charts
- Daily bus seating chart
- Daily visitors log and screening
- Daily bathroom sign-out log for each class
- Maintenance cleaning logs
- Employee COVID-19 Screening

# Important Dates

**August 26, 2020**

**Commitment Forms Due**

**September 1, 2020**

**Staff Return**

**September 8 – 18**

**Student Testing (By Appointment for Remote Learners)**

**September 21, 2020**

**First Day of School**



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