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# Janus Academy

## Re-Entry Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

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Please read the following information carefully. These protocols will be in effect until further notice.

After careful consideration, taking into consideration the guidelines from Alberta Health Services, the increase in COVID-19 cases in our city and the vaccination rates for youth aged 12 – 19, Janus Academy will be practicing the following protocols:

- All staff will be mandated to wear masks indoors.
- Students will be encouraged to wear masks indoors but if students are not able to appropriately wear or keep on a mask, the existing mask exemptions will be applied.
- Students and staff will still be expected to use the AHS daily checklist to identify if they should attend school or stay home. <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/56c020ed-1782-4c6c-bfdd-5af36754471f/resource/58957831-a4ab-45ff-9a8e-3c6af7c1622e/download/covid-19-information-alberta-health-daily-checklist-2021-08.pdf>. (this form does not need to be submitted, just reviewed daily)
- Students and staff who present with COVID-19 symptoms must stay at home until symptoms resolve and follow all Alberta Health protocols. Below are links outlining processes to follow:
- [COVID-19 guide for parents of children going to school or childcare - children with symptoms part 1 \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/covid-19-guide-for-parents-of-children-going-to-school-or-childcare-children-with-symptoms-part-1)
- [COVID-19 guide for parents of children going to school or childcare - children with symptoms part 2 \(albertahealthservices.ca\)](https://albertahealthservices.ca/covid-19-guide-for-parents-of-children-going-to-school-or-childcare-children-with-symptoms-part-2)
- [COVID-19 Symptoms, About COVID-19, Spread, Risks | Alberta Health Services](https://albertahealthservices.ca/covid-19-symptoms-about-covid-19-spread-risks)
- Proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will be encouraged as advised by AHS
- Cleaning and disinfection of high traffic/touch areas will continue during the school day with a thorough cleaning occurring after the students and staff have left the building.
- Cohorting will occur with the Elementary students having two cohorts and the Jr/Sr high school being one cohort.
- No unscheduled visitors, volunteers or external partners will be permitted in the school
- Off-site activities will be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Students with pre-existing conditions that have similar symptoms as COVID-19 are encouraged to submit a medical document outlining the condition and symptoms from their doctor. Please check your information package when it comes home on the first day of school.

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Although the Chief Medical Officer of Health has stated that schools will not be responsible for notifying close contacts if a positive COVID-19 case occurs, we have decided that Janus will contact staff and parents of students in the cohort where a positive COVID-19 test result has been identified. Staff and parents will be expected to follow AHS guidelines as they pertain to individuals who have been vaccinated and those who have not.

All of these guidelines will continue to be reviewed and updated as new information becomes available from Alberta Education, the Chief Medical Officer of Health office and from our own experiences at Janus.

Change in routine and isolation caused by COVID-19 has been difficult for many of our students and staff. With this in mind, Janus will be creating a committee that will support those having mental health difficulties by researching and communicating supports that are available to help individuals and families. You will be receiving these communications periodically throughout the school year. Please talk with your supervisor or Leadership staff directly if you are looking for support and if you are interested in being a committee member.

We all play a role in ensuring our return to school is as safe as possible and in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our school. We will continue to encourage all eligible students and staff to get vaccinated.

To get a better understanding of where our percentages for vaccinations are as a school, we are asking all staff members to respond to this link. It is a voluntary poll asking if you have been vaccinated or not. This poll is anonymous so there will be no identifying information asked for. We are using this information to give us a better understanding of how many eligible students and staff are double vaccinated. This information will be helpful in making future decisions on safety precautions that are necessary to help ensure the health and safety of everyone. We are asking you submit your answer to the poll by September 3, 2021. <https://forms.gle/wyM7BiRUSLvykpeN7>

Alberta Education is partnering with Alberta Health to offer in school vaccinations for eligible students and staff. We strongly encourage all eligible staff and students to get vaccinated. This has proven to be the strongest deterrent we have to contracting and spreading COVID-19 and in reducing the harmful effects connected with this virus. Please let Koren know if you are interested in participating in this process.

If you have any questions, please contact [Janus.contact@janusacademy.org](mailto:Janus.contact@janusacademy.org).

