



Hello everyone,

We are excited to be welcoming our students back to school on September 1st. As we prepare for a new year of learning, we have received the [2021-22 School Plan](#) from Alberta Education and the Chief Medical Officer of Health. A brief summary outlining what this means for Chinook's Edge can be found [here](#).

We relied heavily on the expertise from Alberta Health Services (AHS) in finalizing our COVID-19 protocols. If the provincial protocols change, or if AHS has advised us that a particular area requires a modified approach, we will respond swiftly and appropriately with additional measures.

In addition to the safety protocols outlined in the link above, we have strongly encouraged our staff to become fully vaccinated as an additional measure to support everyone's safety. This decision is fully supported by Alberta Health Services and The National Advisory Council on Immunization (NACI).

Any students or staff who wish to wear masks in schools are welcome to do so, although that is not required at this time. As required by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, all students (K-12) riding our school buses will be required to wear a mask. It is really important that any families who need school bus service register [at this link](#). For any additional transportation inquiries, please call 403-227-7072.

One of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of any illness, including COVID-19, is for students and staff who are sick, to stay home. Please complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#). We will continue to send students and staff home if they are exhibiting symptoms upon arrival at school or if symptoms develop throughout the school day.

As well, the front doors will be open at our schools, but parents and visitors are asked to make a prior appointment with the school office.

With respect to vaccination clinics, we will continue to allow AHS access to our facilities for their province wide vaccination efforts. For more information on the upcoming clinics, please see the AHS information and consent form being sent with this letter. All students under 18 years of age in Chinook's Edge will be required to have parental permission to be vaccinated. We do respect that the decision to be vaccinated is best made by individual families. If you wish to have your child (ages 12 and up only at this time) vaccinated at school, please complete the consent form and submit the completed form to your school by Friday, September 3.

If you need to contact your child's school, offices will be open by Thursday, August 26th. Please continue to check our [school division website](#) or your local school website throughout the school year to stay informed. Our staff have been working very hard to ensure that we have an amazing school year. We look forward to seeing your children in our schools in September!

Yours truly,

Kurt Sacher  
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