



AACS Restart
LIFTING RESTRICTIONS PLAN
2021-2022

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Thank you !

This has been a year like no other, and we want to thank all of the students, parents, and school staff for not only weathering the storm, but growing stronger together. As we move towards normalcy we will continue to support the health and well-being of our Aurora family.

Again, thank you for all that you do.


Ian Gray
Superintendent

Health Practices

Students, staff, and visitors can attend school safely during the COVID-19 pandemic when we work together to follow public health guidelines. Parents play an essential role by supporting their children in keeping them home when they are sick and encouraging them to wash and sanitize their hands regularly.

The Plan

This plan has been developed to ensure the health and well-being of Aurora students and staff and to maintain the vision, values, and mission of empowering learning excellence.

Though public health measures have been rescinded by Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health, our duty is to keep our students safe. As we are commence classes sooner than most schools, awaiting guidance from Alberta Education, we have determined that a gentle shift from safety protocols to normalcy is warranted and prudent. To that end, school will be starting in much the same manner in which it ended in June of 2021.

The following conditions will be in place on August 25th when students return to class:

- Masks will be worn by students and teachers in class, in the hallways, and during recesses.
- Cohorts will be maintained.
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning protocols will be visible and required.
- The number of students permitted in bathrooms will be limited.

If you have specific questions regarding the implementation of these practices, please contact school administration.

Returning to Normal

We are excited to move toward normal school operations and to see the smiles on our students' faces. As children under the age of 12 are still ineligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, some protocols, though not made mandatory by the province, may remain in effect, including quarantining and isolation.

Our hope is that we have a successful, safe start to the year, and we are able to ease restrictions in stages.

STAGE 1

Under STAGE 1 easing, cohorting rules are removed:

- Students are no longer required to stay in their cohort groups and may interact freely during recess breaks.
- Locker use is permitted.
- Extracurricular activities may resume.

STAGE 2

Under STAGE 2 easing, masks become optional.

- Masks are optional.
- Plexiglass screens are optional for teachers.

STAGE 3

- Visitors to the building are permitted
- Traditional school activities, such as Parent-Teacher Interviews and Awards' Ceremonies resume in-person.
- Masks are optional on school buses.

TIMELINE

Although it is difficult to predict a specific date at which each stage will be met, each day school administration will monitor student health: physical, psychological, social, and emotional. We have significantly strengthened our school learning supports team and have improved access to speech and language, occupational health, and counseling services.

Communication

This AACRS Restart document will be available on the Aurora Academic Charter School homepage until STAGE 3 is reached.

Each week, it will be revised with current information regarding our plans on returning to normal operations. Please check back regularly for updates which will be cited in the Table of Contents.

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