



## Welcome Back!!

Thank you for sending your students back to school. I know with the COVID guidelines this was not an easy decision for a number of reasons and that there continues to be challenges. But we feel we have great momentum here at the school- students have quickly adjusted to new routines, students are responsive and cooperative with all the COVID expectations including “Go Zones” and mask wearing and the kids are back to work in the classroom making up for lost time last Spring. We hope that if you are a family who has not sent students back yet, hoping to see how things go, you will consider having your students return as soon as possible. We have found that due to the loss of time in schools last Spring and the extra long break from classroom learning, students are starting with a lot of review from the previous grade level and even completing some of the missed instruction from the previous grade level. Now is a great time to have your students jump back into learning!

A few important items included in this email.

- ☀ Important Changes to Parking, Student Drop Off and Pick Up and Bus Zones
- ☀ Important Clarification on Student Illness
- ☀ Hot Lunch Information
- ☀ Upcoming Dates and Activities

If you have any questions or concerns about Back to School, please contact the school at (403) 653 4955 or email Mrs. Jacobs at [stacy.jacobs@westwind.ab.ca](mailto:stacy.jacobs@westwind.ab.ca).

## Stranger Awareness

We have so many students walking and riding bikes home from school this year. It's great to see kids socializing as they travel to and from school. Just a reminder that while Cardston is a small town, we need to continue to be vigilant about keeping our kids safe. Encourage your child to walk home with a buddy, use cross walks properly and how to respond to an unfamiliar adult on the way home. We often hear the phrase "stranger danger" but we are encouraged to think differently about keeping our kids safe. Here are a few good resources you can use as a parent to help guide your conversations with your kids. We want our students to have a plan for when an adult asks them for help, when they are approached by an adult for information or when an adult offers to give them a ride. Students are always encouraged to seek help from school staff if at any time they feel unsure or unsafe. There are a lot of resources out there to guide your conversation. Here are just a few I found after a quick search.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygWs9zrBF-o&ab\\_channel=CityofTLH](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygWs9zrBF-o&ab_channel=CityofTLH)

<https://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/experts-warn-teaching-phrase-stranger-danger/story?id=46427626>

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## HOT LUNCH

We are starting hot lunch again on Monday, September 21. Students will order hot lunch in their classrooms. Teachers will not be handling the cash so students need to use hot lunch tickets instead. Hot lunch will remain \$5. The best way to purchase tickets is by ordering thru the office and paying via etransfer to: [cesfees@westwind.ab.ca](mailto:cesfees@westwind.ab.ca). Students may also bring cash and purchase tickets at the office or parents may come purchase tickets. To alleviate office traffic, we request that when possible you purchase tickets in a quantity that allows you to have them on hand at home so kids can bring it to their teacher when they want to purchase hot lunch.

Hot lunch Schedule:

Monday- Subway (ham and cheese 6 inch sub with chips or a treat and milk)

Tuesday- High School Lunch (menu TBA)

Wednesday- High School Lunch (menu TBA)

Thursday- Pizza (slice of pizza, treat and milk)

**Lunches MUST be ordered by 9:00 am the day of purchase. Please purchase lunch tickets ahead of time via etransfer whenever possible.**

## Important Dates

<b>September 17</b>	School Council Playground Committee Meeting 7:00 pm at CES, bring your lawn chair
<b>September 23</b>	Terry Fox Run (students will run in cohorts, details TBA)
<b>September 24/25</b>	No School- PD Days
<b>September 29</b>	Orange Shirt Day- wear your orange shirt to recognize the continued impact of residential schools on our Indigenous communities.
<b>Sept 30/Oct 1</b>	School Picture Day
<b>October 9/12</b>	Thanksgiving break- no school

## Pick Up/Drop Off Zones

Attached is a map of pick up and drop off zone changes effective Monday, September 21 . We realize most parents prefer to drop students off on the East side of the school. We will move the staff parking and free up a pick up/drop off lane to help keep students safe. You CAN NOT stop and wait in this zone. You must load and unload only. If you need to enter the school or wait for a child, please use the visitor parking spaces on the East and North side for that.

PLEASE be aware of all student safety and follow the traffic laws. We have some major violation happening that put students at risk.

- ◆ Be sure you never stop in a cross walk or blocking a cross walk.
- ◆ Be sure you do NOT use the designated no stopping zones to drop off students- especially the area at the entrance to the bus lane.
- ◆ Always insist your child uses the cross walk to cross the street to meet their ride.
- ◆ Drive slowly and alert- never answering texts or calls that could distract you from noticing a child in the street.
- ◆ Drop off students in designated drop off areas only- no student drop off in the South or West bus lane.

We all need to work together to keep our students safe. We have some improving to do and hopefully this new plan will help. The attached map explains the designated drop off/pick up areas.



## Student Illness

We have a few new resources to help guide your decisions about how to determine when your child can return to school after COVID symptoms on the checklist are noticed. Please notice that there are two sets of symptoms:

Primary Symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose and sore throat

Secondary Symptoms: chills, painful swallowing, stuffy nose, headache, muscle and joint aches, feeling unwell, fatigue and exhaustion, gastrointestinal problems, loss of sense of smell or taste, pink eye

As a school, we must respond to all of these symptoms by sending students home. Once students have symptoms the recommendation is that you follow up with a COVID test. However, for secondary symptoms, you do not need test results to return to school. Students may return when symptoms are resolved. For primary symptoms, if you choose NOT to have a COVID test, you must isolate for ten days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. With a negative test you may return as soon as symptoms are resolved.

Here is the **[link to the online resource](#)** that will always be updated by the Alberta government. Please see the attached flow chart for more information and clarification.

We have entered pre-existing conditions in student health records. This guides our decision about when to send students home. If your child has a pre-existing condition you would like us to be aware of, please contact the office via email or phone.

# RESPONDING TO ILLNESS FLOWCHART

## MANAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED FOR COVID-19

### Symptomatic

**PRIMARY SYMPTOMS**

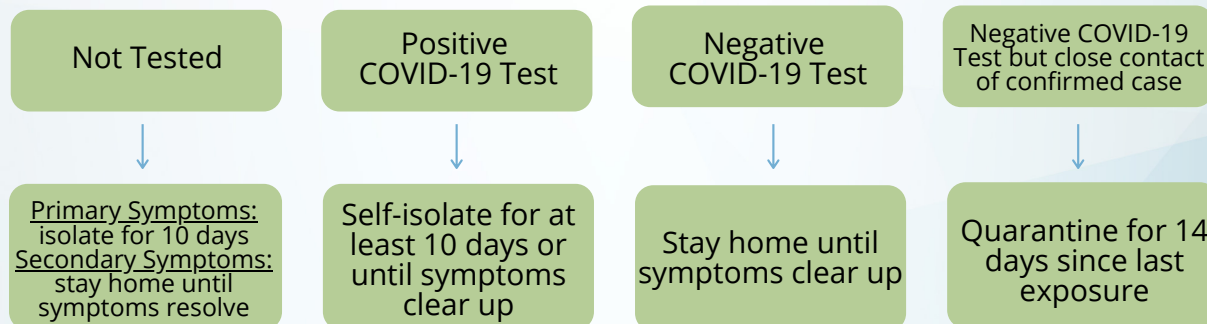
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose
- Sore throat

*Legally required to isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer.*

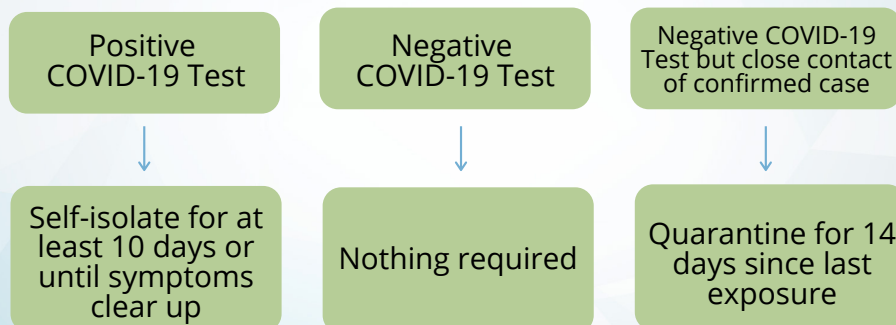
**SECONDARY SYMPTOMS**

- Chills
- Painful swallowing
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Muscle/join aches
- Fatigue, exhaustion
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

*Stay home and minimize contact with others until symptoms resolve.*



### Asymptomatic





PARENT DROP-OFF NO PARKING

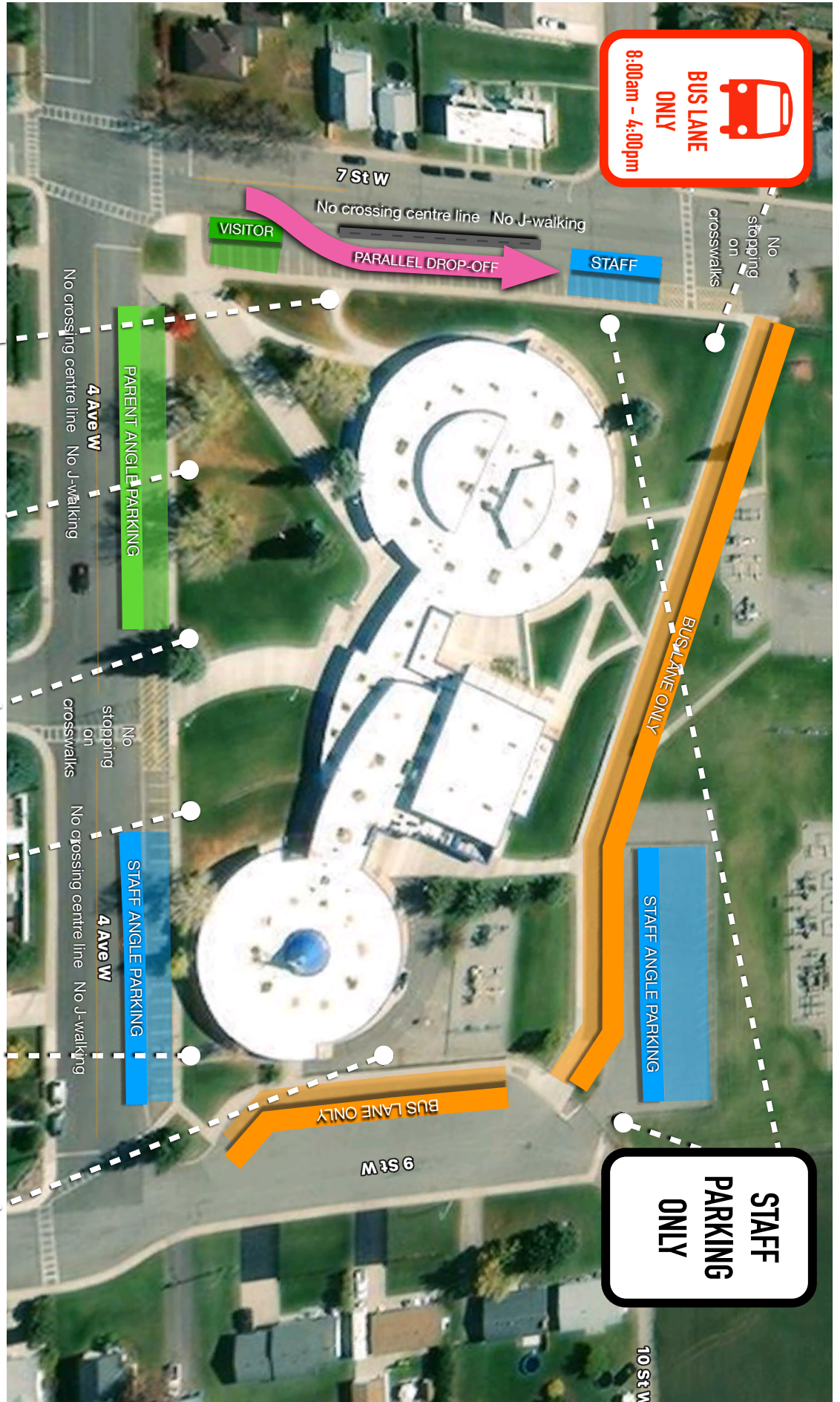
VISITOR PARKING

HANDICAP PARKING ONLY

ADMIN PARKING MRS. OLSEN MRS. HEGGIE

STAFF PARKING ONLY

BUS LANE ONLY 8:00am - 4:00pm





# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Subway- (Ham & Cheese 6" sub/chips or treat/milk)	22 Chili & Bun	23 Mac & Cheese, Cornbread	24 School PD	25 Div PD	26
27	28 Subway- (Ham & Cheese 6" sub/chips or treat/milk)	29 Taco in a Bag	30 Chicken Caesar Wraps/Veggie Cups			