



Mustangs Memo



February 4, 2022

NEW! Teachers' Convention: Families are reminded that there is no school on Thursday, February 10 and Friday, February 11 due to Teachers' Convention. Keep on top of what is going on at Muir Lake School by viewing the [School Calendar](#) that is on the School Website and [LINKED HERE](#).

NEW! COVID Case Count at MLS: Muir Lake School remains committed to keeping our parents/guardians informed as best we can by reporting the latest self-reported absences due to COVID-19. For the latest information please visit our school website at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/home/news/post/covid-19-notifications-reported-case-count>

NEW! Lunch Program: As announced last week, we are pleased to be offering our Fundraiser Lunch program on Mondays. Lunch ordering is available for **grades 1 - 9** with our first date scheduled for Monday, February 14. Our turnaround for February-March ordering is tight with an **ordering deadline of Sunday February 6th** in order to make sure we are ready to go for our first day. Please see the information [LINKED HERE](#), register for your account, and complete your orders as soon as possible.

In addition to lunch ordering, we have added some of our in stock Spirit Wear items. Water bottles, buffs, and stickers are available for purchase on our Hot Lunches.net site. We will be packing these orders when we close each month's lunch ordering. Any purchased items will be packaged and sent home with your child. An email will be sent to you to confirm the order has been provided to your student.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Muir Lake Foundation Team at muirlakelunches@gmail.com.

NEW! Quarantine Requirement Update: Alberta Health Services has changed the [isolation requirement](#) from 10 days to 5 Days for fully vaccinated individuals. If your child does test positive for COVID-19, please advise the school. Fully vaccinated individuals may return to school after a legally required 5-day isolation. Upon returning from a 5-day isolation, those individuals will be required to wear a mask* at all times when around others outside of home. This includes while at school.

Partially vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will continue to be legally mandated to isolate at home for 10 days from the start of symptoms, or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

* This includes all staff and students. Those staff/students are required to eat/drink while physically distanced from all others. Students are required to wear a mask during all physical activity and recess since they are unable to remove their mask at all around others, including when seated in the classroom. If parents feel that their child cannot wear their mask at all times during these 5 days following the isolation requirement (due to age, health or ability), they are asked to keep their child home from school for the full 10 days before returning to school.

When reporting a COVID-19 related absence, parents/guardians will be asked:

- When did your child test positive?
- When did symptoms present (if any)? Note: if no symptoms are present, Day 1 of the isolation will be considered the day the rapid test was administered.
- Will your child be returning after 5 days or 10? If it's 5, please note they will be expected to wear their mask at all times for the duration of the 10 days. (Note: if they are not able to wear the mask at all times, they will need to stay home for the full 10 days)

Note: Students with mask exemptions will be asked to stay home for the full 10 days because they cannot meet the 5-day mask requirement after coming back from their isolation at home.

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- **Isolate immediately**
Fully vaccinated: 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, plus 5 days of wearing a mask at all times when around others outside of home.
Not fully vaccinated: 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- **Do not continue rapid testing.**
- **Book a PCR test, if eligible.**

+ POSITIVE NO SYMPTOMS +

- **Isolate immediately**
- **Take second rapid test in 24 hours:**
 - **If negative**, isolation can end unless you develop symptoms.
 - **If positive**, continue isolating and book a PCR test, if eligible.

Repeat! 2022-2023 School Registration: Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process is coming soon. All Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, please visit our Division website at <https://www.psd.ca/division/news/post/online-registration-for-2022-2023>.

Students that will be registering for kindergarten for the 2022 - 2023 school year will need to be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022. We invite those students that are registered with a Parkland School Division Kindergarten program to also check out our Nature Kindergarten program which will run on the opposite days of their regular

kindergarten days. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.psd.ca/programs/programs-of-choice/nature-based-kindergarten>. This is a great alternative to daycare. Virtual Open House dates for our Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten programs are as follows:

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 - Nature Kindergarten

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 - Kindergarten

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - Nature Kindergarten

Check our website calendar at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/about/calendar> for the links to the Open House.

Repeat! School Fees: Updated Statements of outstanding fees for the 2021 2022 school year fees went out via email. Upon receipt, fees can be paid online by debit or credit card through our PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public> or by cash or cheque payable to Parkland School Division (PSD).

Repeat! PowerSchool Parent Portal: We respectfully request that parents go online to their [PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#) and ensure that their contact information is updated and correct and that there is AT LEAST one other person listed as an emergency contact that can be reached in case their child must be picked up.

Repeat! Health Champion: Are you teaching your child(ren) to skate this winter? Skating is a lot of fun for kids—once they get the hang of it. For first-timers, however, it often feels like you spend more time falling than gliding. Keep the focus on fun while kids gain the balance, coordination, and technique they need to stay upright on the ice by introducing simple games that help reinforce basic skating skills. Everything is more fun with friends, so why not plan a group meetup and try out some of the suggestions in this [link](#)?

Repeat! Student Drop Off and Pick Up: For the safety of our students and staff;

- **For everyone's safety we ask that EVERYONE please walk or stand INSIDE the blue fence when picking up their child(ren) from school.**
- Please park in the Muir Lake Community Hall parking lot and for your child in the parent muster area which is located inside the blue fence in between the Community Hall and the school.
- If driving your child(ren) to school, please drive through the drop off lane and drop them off at the crosswalk at the **south** end of the school **OR** drop them off at the Community Hall and have them walk inside the blue fence to and from the school
- Please do not cut through the staff parking lot to jump the line of cars waiting to drop off children in the drop off lane
- If you are late and dropping your child(ren) off (after 8:00am), please have them come in the main doors and report in to the office and get a late slip.

Repeat! Parkland School Division Family Supports: Please [CLICK THIS LINK](#) for your latest [Stronger Together newsletter](#). There are a lot of great articles and tips about emotional regulation included as well as some great upcoming sessions that are open for registration.

Repeat! Free Family Counselling: If you are looking to support your children there is a youth & family solution focused wellness counselling program available through Alberta Health Services Primary Care Network. For more information please click [here](#).

Repeat! Sledding at MLS: Due to the insurance regulations, please be aware that students are not able to toboggan, tube, crazy carpet, bobsled, or sled on a slope of greater than five meters in height or with an incline of greater than 35 degrees. The hill behind the school is too long and too steep for these purposes.

Repeat! From our School Council Chair: Should you wish to contact our School Council Chair, Amber Dory, please use our NEW School Council Chair email that has been set up; it is MuirLake.SCChair@partner.psd.ca. School Council meetings are virtual and are set for the third teaching Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday February 15, 2022, 7pm. [Please visit the LINK here to request a Google Meet link](#). The meeting link will be shared with those interested in attending the day of the meeting.

Repeat! PSD Domain and Email Addresses: You may have noticed that Parkland School Division has a new look; a new logo as well as a new domain name. You can now find Parkland School Division at <https://www.psd.ca> and Muir Lake School's new website URL is <https://muirlake.psd.ca>. With the domain name change came new email addresses. An easy way to find your child's teacher's email address is on our school website at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/about/staff-directory>, but our new address format is as follows: firstname.lastname@psd.ca. Please adjust your email address books accordingly as eventually the mail-forward feature will end.

Thank you,
Muir Lake School Admin Team

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

If your child has traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days, follow the [Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders](#) instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments. International travellers who become a case of COVID-19 after arrival in Alberta should follow isolation requirements outlined by the Government of Canada

If your child has received a message from Public Health indicating that they are a case⁴ of COVID-19 or if your child has tested positive on a [rapid test](#), they are required to isolate as per [Public Health instructions](#). For more information on isolation requirements after a positive rapid test, refer to the [Rapid Testing at Home website](#).

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has your child been a household contact of a case⁴ of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? <i>A household contact: a person who lives in the same residence as the case OR who has been in frequent, long-duration, close-range interaction with a case of COVID-19. For example, someone who slept over, attended a birthday party or someone who was a play date with a case.</i>	YES	NO
If child answered "YES" AND they are NOT fully immunized⁵: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Child should stay home and NOT attend school, childcare and/or other activities for 14 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms If child answered "YES" and they are fully immunized⁵ proceed to question 2: If child answered "NO" to question 1, proceed to question 2			
2.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
	Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none">If the child is fully immunized⁵ they are required to isolate for 5 days from onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longer. They must wear a mask for up to 5 days after their isolation period if you are outside of the home in a public place or otherwise in the company of other persons out of your household (no exceptions permitted) ORIf they are NOT fully immunized⁵, they must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or until they resolve³ whichever is longer ORUntil symptoms resolve³ if they receive a negative PCR COVID-19 test ORUntil symptoms resolve³ if they receive two negative rapid antigen tests, with at least 24 hours between tests			

³ Symptoms resolved means symptoms have improved and with no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication

⁴ A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the [Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline](#)

⁵ A child who has received the complete vaccine series for COVID-19 and it has been 14 days after the second dose in a two dose series

- They can use an [at-home rapid test if available](#) or the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation.

If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 2, proceed to question 3.

3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:		
Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO

If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 3:

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours and consider giving child an [at-home rapid test](#). If the test is positive or negative see below for further instructions.
- If [at-home rapid testing](#) is not done and the symptom is improving after 24 hours, your child can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go.
- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use an [at-home rapid test](#) if available or the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:

- Keep your child home
- Use an [at-home rapid test](#) if available or use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.

For at-home rapid testing result instructions for those without symptoms:

- If an [at-home rapid test](#) is done and is negative, they can return to school and activities as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- If [at-home rapid](#) test is positive, the child is required to isolate as outlined above for **question 2**.

If the child answered "NO" to all questions:

- Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative PCR COVID-19 test result or two negative rapid test results at least 24 hours apart **and** feel better.

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STAY AT HOME GUIDE

FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18



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Monitor your child's symptom(s)

- If your child is sick, he/she should stay home until they feel better.
- Refer to the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) for complete instructions.

Core symptoms (under 18)

- Cough
- Fever
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

You are legally required to self-isolate your child if he/she exhibits any of the core symptoms of COVID-19.

Other symptoms (under 18)

- Chills
- Sore throat/painful swallowing
- Runny nose/congestion
- Feeling unwell/fatigued
- Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Unexplained loss of appetite
- Muscle/joint aches
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

1 symptom: Stay home for 24 hours, get tested if symptoms don't improve.

2+ symptoms: Get tested and stay home until well or test is negative.

Scan this code for
Alberta's symptoms
and testing info.



At-Home Rapid Testing

Albertans who do not meet the high-risk exceptions are not required to book a PCR test if they get a positive result from a rapid antigen test. Please refer to [alberta.ca](#) for current [rapid testing at home information](#).

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Not fully vaccinated: 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- **Do not continue rapid testing.**
- **Book a PCR test, if eligible.**

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- **Isolate immediately**
- **Take second rapid test in 24 hours:**
 - **If negative,** isolation can end unless you develop symptoms.
 - **If positive,** continue isolating and book a PCR test, if eligible.

- NEGATIVE WITH SYMPTOMS -

- **Isolate for 24 hours**
- **Take second rapid test in 24 hours:**
 - **If negative,** continue isolating until symptoms resolve before cautiously resuming normal activities.
 - **If positive,** continue isolating:
Fully vaccinated: 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, plus 5 days of wearing a mask at all times when around others outside of home.
Not fully vaccinated: 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

- NEGATIVE NO SYMPTOMS -

- **A negative result does not rule out infection.** Isolation is not required but continue monitoring symptoms and following all public health guidelines.



REMEMBER:

It is a parent's responsibility to screen their child for symptoms each day before school. Refer to the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) for instructions.



STAY INFORMED

Visit [psd.ca](#) for current COVID-19 information from the Division.

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VACCINE PROTOCOL IN EFFECT

Please have your vaccine record and ID ready.

- All visitors, volunteers and parents must show either official proof of vaccination (digital/paper copies accepted) or a negative test result (from the last 72 hours) or a medical exemption letter, along with government-issued ID.
- Students are not required to show proof.
- Any person coming to a school or Division Building, who is only there to conduct a brief interaction/transaction that will take less than 15 minutes while appropriate health measures are observed (e.g. masking, physical distancing), will NOT require proof of vaccination.



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