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February 18, 2022

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! At-Home Test Kits and Masks: Our second shipment of masks and test kits have arrived and we are ready to distribute them to students and staff. In order to distribute test kits and medical grade masks we are asking that you take a moment to complete the form [LINKED HERE](#) once for **each student** who attends Muir Lake School.

There are instructions about how to administer the test included with the test kit. Additionally, a how-to video and a rapid test program fact sheet translated into multiple languages offers tips on how to use the rapid test kits. Both are available online at <https://www.alberta.ca/k-12-learning-during-covid-19.aspx>.

In the event that a student tests positive for COVID-19 please follow the directions on the PSD Stay at Home Guide found [here](#), and let the school know. If you have any questions please contact the school office. Thank you for your support

NEW! Spirit Wear Store is OPEN: MLCS Foundation has opened the Online Store for Spirit Wear orders once again and it will remain open until March 7th. Please see the poster [LINKED HERE](#) for more details. You can also find it further down in the newsletter. [Click THIS LINK to get to the Online Store.](#)

NEW! What's new with MLCL?: Muir Lake Community League wants to keep kids playing sports in our community, but we need your help! We are looking for volunteers for a Kids' Soccer Coordinator, and a Kids' Ball Coordinator to ensure these programs can run this spring. These coordinator positions include a free family membership, and registration for up to 3 kids (immediate family or grandkids)! Detailed job descriptions are

available on our website www.muirlakehall.ca . If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us via our Facebook page, or by emailing info@muirlakehall.ca . These positions need to be filled by the end of the month or Kids' Soccer and Ball won't run this year!

Repeat! 2022-2023 School Registration: Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process opened on Monday February 14th. We respectfully request that ALL parents have this process completed BEFORE March 18th in order to insure that your child(ren) has transportation in place for the 2022 2023 school year.

All Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2022-2023 school year. For returning students, parents can find the RSVP link (Registration) in their [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). 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 date for our Nature Kindergarten program is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 4pm - Nature Kindergarten. Check our website calendar at <https://muirlake.psd.ca/about/calendar> for the link to the Open House.

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! COVID-19 Restriction Update: As announced by the Government of Alberta on Tuesday, February 8th, the province has begun it's phased plan to eliminate health restrictions that have been in place during this COVID-19 pandemic. Step one of the three-step approach includes the removal of the Restrictions Exemption program (REP), and also impacts the education system in the following manner:

- Effective Monday, February 14, students will no longer be required to wear a mask while in school or riding a school bus. Outside of school, youth aged 12 and under will no longer be required to wear a mask in any setting. Students are not required to wear masks during the school day and while in school.
- All adults, including staff and visitors are required to wear masks while in PSD schools until further notice.
- Students aged 13 and over must wear masks when outside of school for field trips etc. when they are not on school grounds. Therefore, students 13 and over must have access to a mask at all times. Schools can provide students with masks if necessary.
- The GOA provided rapid test kits and medical grade masks will continue to be shipped to schools (a total of three shipments is expected).
- Other existing measures in schools, such as daily screening, cohorting in grades K-6, and enhanced cleaning protocols remain.
- The PSD Vaccination Protocol will remain in place during regular school hours. However, the Division will now be accepting negative results from self-administered rapid antigen testing kits for those individuals who do not wish to provide proof of vaccination through means described in the Vaccination Protocol.
- The [Alberta Health Services Daily Checklist](#) and corresponding [isolation requirements](#) (including masks) remain in place.

- Fully vaccinated (2 doses or 1 dose Janssen): Starting the first day of symptoms or positive test, isolate for a minimum of 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer. Following isolation, wear a mask at all times when around others outside of home for up to 5 more days (10 total). This means you must eat or drink alone, away from others. To be clear, any fully vaccinated student who has tested positive for COVID-19 and chooses to return after 5 days MUST wear a mask at all times for 5 additional days. It will be recommended that students who find this challenging should stay home for the full 10-day isolation period.
- Not fully vaccinated (1 dose or less): Starting the first day of symptoms or positive test, isolate for 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.
- If you test negative and have symptoms, you should still stay home and away from others until symptoms resolve.
- With the province's Restrictions Exemption Program (REP) no longer in place, after-school extracurricular events planned and organized by PSD will be open for spectators beginning Monday, February 14. However, any spectators 13 and over MUST wear masks while attending the events until further notice.
 - For high school sports, (Edmonton High School Metro League or Alberta Schools' Athletic Association events) PSD will follow spectator rules for those governing bodies.

Moving to phases two and three of the Government of Alberta plan will be dependent on hospitalization rates continuing to trend downwards and further restrictions would not be lifted before March 1. For more information, including a detailed description of the province's plan to safely ease health measures, can be found [here](#).

Repeat! Thank you from our Library: Thank you to our families that have generously donated books to our library. The past few years we unfortunately have missed out on our favorite book fairs to add to our book collection. With your donations of gently used and new books, we are able to add some new and dearly loved books onto our shelves and into the hands of our students. Thank you again for your generous support, we greatly appreciate it!



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! Lunch Program: We are pleased to share that the Fundraiser Lunch program has returned and is available for **grades 1 - 9** on Mondays. Our next **ordering deadline for the April menus is Monday March 14th**. 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.

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

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 March 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



MUIR LAKE SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER

The Foundation Team has relaunched our school spirit wear fundraiser!!

Our due date is Monday, March 7th, get your orders in today. Delivery is expected at the beginning of April and orders will be distributed amongst students. If alternate arrangements need to be made, please contact muirlakelunches@gmail.com.

There will be a *Show Your School Spirit Day* coming in May/June 2022 so get your gear now.

Check out our online store with a variety of items here

<https://muirlakespiritwear2022.itemorder.com/>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at muirlakelunches@gmail.com.



- All the proceeds raised will go to support school wide initiatives -

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.

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](#).

+ POSITIVE WITH SYMPTOMS +

- **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.

- 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.

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



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 tested positive on a [rapid antigen test](#) or received a message from Public Health indicating that they are a case⁴ of COVID-19, they are required to isolate as per [Public Health instructions](#). For more information on isolation requirements after a positive rapid antigen 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 10 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 10 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms, unless they have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days AND completed the mandatory 10-day isolation period, in which case they can proceed to question 2.			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Isolate for 5 days from the day of onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longer.After this isolation period, up to a total of 10 days from the day of symptom onset, they are required to wear a mask at all times when in a public place or otherwise in the company of other persons with no exceptions.If the child is NOT fully immunized⁵,<ul style="list-style-type: none">they must isolate for 10 days from the day of onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longerWhether they are fully immunized or not, even if they have a negative molecular (e.g. PCR) COVID-19 test or two negative rapid antigen tests, taken not less than 24 hours of each other, they still must isolate until symptoms resolve³.If they are within three weeks of the initial positive test of a previous infection they do not need to test again, and they can leave isolation when symptoms resolve³.They can use an at-home rapid antigen test if available or access the AHS Online Assessment Tool for advice on managing mild symptoms, and whether they are eligible for a COVID-19 molecular test.			

³Symptoms 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

NOTE:

- If they have had a previously confirmed COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, wait until three weeks have elapsed from the initial positive test, to take a rapid antigen test.
- Children 2 years of age and younger are not eligible for rapid antigen testing and should complete the [AHS Online Self-Assessment tool](#) to access molecular (e.g. PCR) testing.

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 antigen test](#).

- If [at-home rapid antigen 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 antigen test](#) if available or follow the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) for advice on managing mild symptoms, and whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

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

- Keep your child home
- Use an [at-home rapid antigen test](#) if available or follow the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) for advice on managing mild symptoms, and whether you need to be tested for COVID-19.

NOTE:

- If they have had a previously confirmed COVID-19 infection within the past 90 days, wait until three weeks have elapsed from the initial positive test, to take a rapid antigen test.
- Children 2 years of age and younger are not eligible for rapid antigen testing, and should complete the [AHS Online Self-Assessment tool](#) to access molecular (e.g. PCR) testing.

For at-home rapid antigen testing result instructions:

- If [at-home rapid antigen test](#) is negative they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go.
- If [at-home rapid antigen 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 COVID-19 molecular test result or two negative rapid antigen tests, taken not less than 24 hours of each other and feel better.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR ADULTS 18 YEARS AND OLDER)

Overview

This tool was developed to support Albertans in protecting others and reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Adults 18 years and older can complete this checklist every day to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.

If you have 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 after arrival in Alberta should follow isolation requirements outlined by Government of Canada.

If you have tested positive on [a rapid test](#) or received a message from Public Health indicating that you are a case¹ of COVID-19, you are required to isolate as per current [Public Health instructions](#). For more information on isolation requirements after a positive rapid antigen test, refer to the [Rapid Testing at home website](#).

Screening Questions for Adults 18 Years and Older:

1.	Have you been a household contact of a case¹ of COVID-19 in the last 10 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 is a caregiver or an intimate or sexual partner of a COVID-19 case.</i>	YES	NO
If you answered “YES” AND you are NOT fully immunized²: <ul style="list-style-type: none">You should stay home for 10 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms, unless you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days AND completed your mandatory 10-day isolation period, in which case you can proceed to question 2. If you answered “YES” AND you are fully immunized² proceed to question 2. If you answered “NO” to question 1, proceed to question 2.			

¹ A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the [Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline](#)

² A person 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 or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)

2.	Do you have any new onset (or worsening) of the following symptoms:		
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	• Runny nose	YES	NO
	• Sore throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful swallowing	YES	NO
	• Nasal congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle / joint aches	YES	NO
• Headache	YES	NO	
• Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO	

If you answered “YES” to any symptom:

- Stay home.
- If you have fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat or loss of sense of taste or smell, you are required to isolate as per the current [CMOH Orders](#):
 - If you are fully immunized²
 - Isolate for 5 days from the day of onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longer.
 - After this isolation period, up to a total of 10 days from the day of symptom onset, you are required to wear a mask **at all times when in a public place or otherwise in the company of other persons**, with no exceptions.
 - If you are NOT fully immunized²,
 - You must isolate for 10 days from the day of onset of symptoms or until symptoms resolve³ whichever is longer
 - Whether you are fully immunized or not, even if you have a negative molecular (e.g. PCR) COVID-19 test or two negative rapid antigen tests, taken not less than 24 hours of each other, you still must isolate until symptoms resolve³.
 - If you are within three weeks of the initial positive test of a previous infection you do not need to test again, and you can leave isolation when symptoms resolve³.
- You can use an [at-home rapid antigen test](#) if available or access the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) for advice on managing mild symptoms, and whether you are eligible for a COVID-19 molecular test.
- Note: If you have recently recovered from a previously confirmed COVID-19 infection and are within three weeks of the initial positive test, you do not need to get tested. If three weeks have elapsed but you are within 90 days from the initial positive test, you are recommended to take a rapid antigen test.

If you answered “NO”:

- You may attend work, school, and/or other activities.
- **Asymptomatic close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case who are healthcare workers are subject to testing requirements as per [CMOH Orders](#) or their organizational policy.**

² A person 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 or one dose in a one dose series (i.e. Janssen vaccine)

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