



The Conseil scolaire francophone (CSF) shares its approved back-to-school plan, which is based on the requirements of the Ministry of Education and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

As part of [the government's five-stage plan](#), schools will start the school year at stage 2.

Back to school

“With these plans now in place, parents can feel confident about sending their children back to school and assured that strict health and safety measures are in place to protect students and staff,” said Rob Fleming, Minister of Education.

The Ministry of Education has also given school boards the flexibility and certainty needed to identify options that meet the needs of families, including the authorizing all school boards to offer online learning to students in their district as well as the tools they need to extend their programs to meet the demand.

The CSF is therefore offering parents of its students two options:

- Full-time classroom instruction
- Full-time distance learning

Parents will soon be receiving a survey to allow them to express their choice of learning model.

Full-time classroom instruction will take place in **learning groups made up of a maximum of 60 or 120 individuals (students and staff) (60 for elementary schools and 120 for high schools)**

Details on full-time distance learning will be given at a later date.

The school principal will contact students’ families with specific details on school schedules and orientation sessions on health and safety for students and their families.

School transportation will be offered on the usual basis to students opting for classroom instruction, while ensuring the safety of all. Details will be given to you at a communication from your school principal.

As announced earlier by the government, the first two days of the school year (September 8 and 9) will be orientation and organization days for staff. They will receive training on health and safety measures and will contact students and their families with specific details on the first week of attendance at school.

Calendar

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| <p>Week of August 24</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans sent to parents, including guidelines on health and safety measures |
| <p>Week of August 31</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication for parents by principals (plan and how learning groups will work) • Survey on learning model options sent to parents • Schools organized (stickers, posters, maximum number of occupants) |
| <p>Week of September 8</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 8 and 9 devoted to training and organizing staff • September 10 and 11: orientation days for students |



Health and safety measures

Revised health and safety guidelines have been provided to the province's school boards by the Ministry of Education and will be implemented at all schools for the start of the school year. These measures are similar to those put in place in June. Some of the things students, their families and staff can expect are:

- Enhanced cleaning of spaces
- Frequent hand washing / sanitizing
- Reminders to reduce physical contact and maximize physical distance at all schools
- Frequent reminders on cough and sneeze etiquette
- Daily COVID-19 symptom checks for all staff and students
- Class, recess and lunch start times may also be staggered
- Every student in grades 6 through 12 and staff member will receive two reusable masks when they return to school
- Like in June, admittance to all schools will be limited to staff and students. Other visitors may request an appointment from school offices.
- All health and safety measures put forward by the Ministry of Education and public health authorities will be implemented
- All staff and students in grades 6 through 12 must wear masks when physical distancing cannot be maintained, for example in some halls
- Students and staff who wish to wear masks in class may do so
- The direction of traffic in common spaces will be indicated by arrows on the floor and/or signs
- Ventilation system filters will be replaced more frequently
- Schools' external air intake will be increased
- Where possible, windows will be kept open
- Outdoor activities will be maximized

Resource : [Link to the Ministry of Education's news release of August 26, 2020](#)