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To: RRVSD Community
From: Brad Curtis, Superintendent & CEO
Re: COVID-19 UPDATE #26

All resources and further updates for the RRVSD Community will be posted on our website: www.rrvsd.ca

We would like to thank the RRVSD Community (Again) for their patience and cooperation as we continue to work through this pandemic and the continuous change it brings.

Yesterday, the Premier, Minister of Education and Public Health announced that all schools in the province will be moved to remote learning for the period from Monday, January 10th to January 14th with in-class learning resuming Monday, January 17th. Schools are actively planning for this change and will be communicating directly with all parents the expectations for remote learning over the 1-week period. All staff return to work on January 6th.

Critical services workers, with K-6 children or children with special needs k-12 (who are not required to self-isolate) **who cannot make alternative care arrangements**, can have their children attend school for in-class remote learning. Please contact the school if this is necessary. Regular transportation will be provided for these students.

Please contact the school regarding any technology needs or materials required for this interval of remote learning.

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kits are available for students in Grades K-6

The Manitoba Government announced in late December 2021, that COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kits will be available for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. These kits arrived yesterday and are being distributed to schools today. The test kit contains five rapid antigen COVID-19 tests that parents can administer to each child every three or four days as students return to school later in January 2022.

Participation is voluntary and children who do not take the rapid antigen test will be allowed to return to school in January when classes resume. Rapid antigen tests are another tool that can help screen for COVID-19 and can provide peace of mind to parents and caregivers. Anyone who tests positive with the rapid antigen tests would then need to follow all current COVID protocols prior to entering school. Call HEALTH LINKS for current COVID protocols. Test kits will be available starting January 7th at your school for K to grade 6 students. Your school will communicate potential pick up times.

As a quick guide, here is a summary of the remote learning expectations for this time:

Kindergarten: Students will engage in one to two hours per day of play-based learning. Teachers will provide parents with ideas for these play-based activities. Kindergarten teachers will also connect with the student, along with parents/caregivers, a minimum of once per week to facilitate connection to provide support and additional play-based learning ideas should they be required.

That each of us will be life long learners

Grades 1-4: Real-time online instruction will be coordinated by the classroom teacher by using a blended learning approach. Students must be available for a minimum of five to a maximum of six hours per week for this real-time instruction. Students will also be assigned independent work that will take them a minimum of two hours and maximum of two and a half hours per day to complete. This independent work may include things such as assignments, worksheets, reading, viewing pre-recorded videos, project-based learning, quizzes, physical activity, etc. At no time will students be required to complete more than two and a half hours of independent work per day, including homework.

Grades 5-6: Real-time online instruction will be coordinated by the classroom teacher by using a blended learning approach. Students must be available for a minimum of seven to a maximum of eight hours per week for this real-time instruction. Students will also be assigned independent work that will take them a maximum of three hours per day to complete. This independent work may include things such as assignments, worksheets, reading, viewing pre-recorded videos, project-based learning, quizzes, physical activity, etc. At no time will students be required to complete more than three hours of independent work per day, including homework.

Grade 7-8

During this time it is expected that students will receive a minimum of seven, up to a maximum of eight hours of real-time instruction per week through Google Meet. In addition to the maximum of eight hours per week of real-time instruction a maximum of three hours per day of independent work will be assigned. This independent work may include things such as assignments, worksheets, reading, viewing pre-recorded videos, project-based learning, quizzes, physical activity, etc. At no time will students be required to complete more than three hours of independent work per day, including homework.

Grade 9-12

During this time it is expected that, for each semestered course, students will receive a maximum of two hours per week of real-time instruction through Google Meet. This will be a maximum of one hour per course per week for non-semestered courses (courses that run all year). In addition to the maximum of two hours per course per week of real-time instruction, a maximum of one hour per course per day (30 minutes per day for non-semestered courses) of independent work will be assigned. This independent work may include things such as assignments, worksheets, reading, viewing pre-recorded videos, project-based learning, quizzes, physical activity, etc. At no time will students be required to complete more than one hour per day per course (30 minutes per course per day for non-semestered courses) of independent work per day, including homework.

You can expect another update by the end of this week regarding the following:

Mask use, type of mask, extra-curricular activities, programming for band, choir and physical education, contact tracing, self-isolation requirements, COVID-testing

On behalf of Red River Valley School Division, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support to provide education to our students. We will continue to communicate any changes to programming, as we have new information.