

Turtle River School Division

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Families of Turtle River School Division,

The division is planning and preparing for the upcoming transition next week to a **“phased-in”** return to school approach after the winter holidays. Beginning on **January 10, 2022 and up until the 14th of January**, All K-12 students will move to teacher-led remote learning with the exception of K-6 children of Tier 1 critical service workers, and students over the age of 12 who are children of critical service workers and who have disabilities or special needs that prevent them from staying home independently.

Grade K – 6 children of Tier 1 critical service workers are eligible to receive temporary in school supervision if other childcare arrangements cannot be made. **While in school, these children will receive the same remote learning as their counterparts at home.**

Manitoba Education considers the following to be Tier 1 critical service workers

- Health/Health Services (**including veterinary medicine**)
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers including all teachers, senior and school administrators, and support staff (education and administrative assistants and office staff, custodians, bus drivers) **including substitute and casual employees**
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Frontline Social Services and Child Protection Workers
- Water and Wastewater Management Staff

Priority access will be given to health care providers. Other Tier 1 critical service workers will be prioritized based on the information that is received from parents and the number of students that can be safely managed by our schools depending on the number of families that require in school supervision for their children. If capacity permits, then consideration may be made to accommodate additional Tier 2 critical or essential services workers. **Please indicate on the attached form if your child will require technology and/or transportation.** If you are already borrowing a device, you will be required to bring this device to and from the school each day.

Those that qualify for Tier 1 Critical Service Workers or have a child with “Exceptional Learning Needs” that requires specialized services and require temporary in school supervision for their child during the period of Critical (Red) are asked to return the attached form, email or phone your school principal **by 12 noon on Friday, January 7, 2022.**

Sincerely, *Bev Szymesko*

“Learning today for tomorrow”

Critical Services Worker School Request Form Instructions

As a School shifts to a “Critical” (Red) response level under the Manitoba Pandemic Response System, schools and school divisions will endeavour to accommodate Kindergarten to Grade 6 children of critical services workers, where alternative care arrangements are not feasible.

School divisions will take all necessary measures to accommodate children of critical services workers with a view to safety and available resources, while maintaining two metres of physical distancing.

Tier One critical services workers will be eligible to have children accommodated in school. They will be prioritized by schools/school divisions as outlined below.

Manitoba Education considers the following to be critical services workers:

Tier One:

- Health/Health Services (**including veterinary medicine**)
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers including all teachers, senior and school administrators, and support staff (education and administrative assistants and office staff, custodians, bus drivers) **including substitute and casual employees**
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Frontline Social Services and Child Protection Workers
- Water and Wastewater Management Staff
- Other (please specify)

Tier Two:

Following accommodation of Tier One, divisions will then accommodate additional critical services workers.

This may include people who provide critical services to Manitobans, such as front-line natural resource workers, gas station attendants, and grocery store staff. Note: Schools and school divisions may also use their discretion to accommodate high-risk students in order to mitigate serious concerns of disengagement.

Schools and school divisions may also use their discretion to accommodate children (in other grade levels) of critical services workers who may require in-person support.

If you are a critical services worker for whom alternate care arrangements are not feasible, and you require your child(ren) to attend school please complete and submit this form to each school your child(ren) attends.

Primary and Secondary Applicant(s): In instances where there may be more than one parent/guardian who is a critical services worker, we strongly encourage one parent/guardian to identify as a secondary applicant, as per the attached form.

Critical Services Worker School Request Form

Primary Applicant's Full and Legal Name (required):

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Phone Number

Email

Primary Physical Address (Full)

Select Primary Applicant's Field of Work (please select):

- Health/Health Services **(including veterinary medicine)**
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers including all teachers, senior and school administrators, and support staff (education and administrative assistants and office staff, custodians, bus drivers) **including substitute and casual employees**
- Child Care Workers
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections Workers
- Fire and Paramedic First Responders
- Frontline Social Services and Child Protection Workers
- Water and Wastewater Management Staff
- Other (please specify)

Please note that your employer may be contacted

Name of Employer

Title of Position

Full Address

Phone Number

Email

Secondary Applicant (Optional)

Secondary Applicant's Full and Legal Name (required):

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Phone Number

Email

Primary Physical Address (Full)

- Health/Health Services **(including veterinary medicine)**
- Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Providers including all teachers, senior and school administrators, and support staff (education and administrative assistants and office staff, custodians, bus drivers) **including substitute and casual employees**
- Child Care Workers
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- Other (please specify)

Please note that your employer may be contacted

Name of Employer

Title of Position

Full Address

Phone Number

Email

Please note that it will be necessary to submit separate applications to each school where your children may be enrolled. One form should not be used in instances where children attend different schools.

Student Information (Grade 6 and under)

Student #1

Last Name First Name Date Of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Does this child require Bus Transportation to School? YES NO

Student #2

Last Name First Name Date Of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Does this child require Bus Transportation to School? YES NO

Student #3

Last Name First Name Date Of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Does this child require Bus Transportation to School? YES NO

Student #4

Last Name First Name Date Of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Does this child require Bus Transportation to School? YES NO

Student #5

Last Name First Name Date Of Birth
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Does this child require Bus Transportation to School? YES NO