

Lakeview Return to School Plan

ELEMENTARY

Although the 2020/2021 school year will be a little different for all of us, we are excited to be together to work and learn!!

We want our students and staff to feel safe and comfortable with both the learning models that have been approved by the M'Chigeeng Board of Education and the enhanced safety measures we are implementing to keep our students, staff and community safe from COVID-19.

Lakeview School Learning in 2020: TWO options

Option 1: IN- CLASS LEARNING + ONLINE LEARNING (in school)

Lakeview school will be grouping students into cohorts. Each cohort will be staying together for the entire day, including all nutrition breaks and recesses. Enhanced health and safety protocols will be in place and are outlined later in this guide.

Option 2: VOLUNTARY LEARN AT HOME

The decision is up to parents if they wish to send their children for in-class learning. Parents will still need to register their children for school and will indicate that they wish for their child to remain at home for learning. For those families that choose not to send their children to school, they will need to prepare to support their children at home with remote/online instruction. This option will be in place for as long as Public Health circumstances require adapted delivery of education.

Each of the MBE Schools and Educators will work with the families to arrange pick-up of laptops and cords so students can complete work at home. Teachers will provide instructions and supports for students. Students will be expected to complete assignments and submit assignments for marking. Educators will provide enhanced remote delivery or paper-based learning depending on the request of the student and their family. Schools will ensure that students have the tools they need to complete their assignments such as crayons, pencils, glue, pencil crayons, etc.

For Students in Special Education

Our educational staff, including EAs will be supporting your child during the 2020/2021 school year. This includes meeting the accommodations and or modifications outlined in their Individual Education Plan.

We are preparing our students and our teachers for the possibility of a second wave of COVID-19.

Being on a computer/online everyday from 2:30-3:30 will benefit teachers and student. Every student will have their own lap top or tablet (for younger ages) and will have the opportunity to learn computer skills that will help them if quarantine circumstances arrive again.

We are hoping to minimize the interruptions to their learning this year- and this begins with giving them good instruction at the start of the year on how to continue their learning from home. We are going to be offering training/information sessions for parents as well this fall.

ENHANCED HEALTH AND SAFETY

Providing a clean and safe learning environment for students has always been important to Lakeview School. As part of COVID-19 prevention, Lakeview school will have an enhanced health and safety program.

This program focuses on enhanced cleaning, training, masks and PPE, physical distancing, signage, minimizing contact, daily self-assessments, student communities and more.



Daily Health Assessment:

We are asking parents/caregivers to do a screening of their child's health every morning before they go to school. Self-screening is also mandatory for all Lakeview staff.

Upon entry to the bus or the school every student, staff and visitor will have their temperature taken and screened again before entry. At no time will a student, staff or visitor be allowed to enter any facility with a fever.

All parents will be asked to sign a Lakeview Parental Agreement to Daily Screening of Children to support the daily screening.

Students and staff who are not feeling well are asked to stay home.



Class Communities (Cohorts):

Students learning in-class will have most of their subjects taught by their homeroom teacher. They will also have recess and nutrition breaks in these assigned groups. Classrooms will not exceed 15 students.

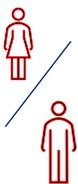


Minimizing Contact:

Lakeview will restrict visitors, including parents/guardians. Any visitors to a school will be required to conduct a COVID-19 health screening before being allowed to enter.

Students will not be permitted to share school supplies like pencils or math manipulatives.

School assemblies will not be held, and clubs and sports are on hold until further notice.



Physical Distancing:

As much distancing as possible between people in our school will be facilitated. This will be achieved through directional signage, education, and encouragement, making changes to classroom set-ups, hallway flow, and much more.



Hygiene Practices:

All staff will be hand washing regularly and teaching proper handwashing techniques to students. Reminders to wash hands regularly will be posted throughout Lakeview, and sanitizer will be available in every classroom and at entrances.



Signage:

Signage is an important way to make students and staff aware of how to be safe. Posted signage includes:

1. Entry protocol
2. Physical Distancing Cues
3. Proper hygiene practices and reminders
4. Restrictions for use of equipment, rooms, and how to travel within the school or worksite.



Enhanced Cleaning Program

Custodians will clean high touch surfaces such as light switches, handrails, door handles, five times per day. Additionally, items that cannot be cleaned or disinfected regularly have been removed including area rugs, upholstered furniture, and soft toys. The school has added 3 additional custodians.



Training:

All Lakeview staff will attend Health and Safety training before school begins in September. This includes COVID-19 specific awareness, Screening/Signs/Symptoms, and how to properly wear PPE. School staff will also be trained in how to teach proper hygiene like frequent handwashing and cough and sneezing etiquette to students.



Masks and PPE:

Wearing masks has been mandated by the Ministry of Education.

It is mandatory for students and all staff to wear masks. Students who do not have their own mask will be given 2 cloth masks by the school. These will only be issued and available for pick up 7 days before the first day of school. Students who have a medical issue and find it difficult to wear a mask will be given a face shield.

Wearing a mask can be uncomfortable; however, it is an important strategy in keeping students and staff safe. To ease student discomfort with wearing masks, we will be scheduling breaks with students where they can go outside and will not have to wear masks. Social distancing outside will be encouraged and staff will ensure students are maintaining a safe distance from one another.

The Ministry of Education will allow exemptions for students who have health conditions that preclude them from wearing a mask. To request an exemption for your child, please contact the Principal regarding the process and



COVID-19 Protocol:

Lakeview School will work closely with the M'Chigeeng Health Center and Public Health Sudbury and district to monitor and respond to reports of COVID-19 symptoms. The Principal will be required to file a daily report with the Ministry of Education to report new cases, suspected cases and confirmed cases. Principals will inform Public Health Sudbury & Districts who will provide guidance and will follow up with contact tracing, as required. Public Health may recommend school closure, self-isolation, additional testing, additional cleaning/disinfecting and may provide notices

Any student or staff member who develops COVID-19 symptoms while at home will be asked to be tested at a local assessment centre.

Any student or staff member who develops COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be immediately separated from others in the designated Isolation Room until they are able to go home and see their healthcare provider and/or visit an assessment centre. There are strict PPE policies in place governing how a student is moved to the isolation room, the classroom where the student was learning.

Staff with symptoms and parents/caregivers of children with symptoms will be directed to use the self-assessment tool and follow instructions. Persons who test positive may not return to school until they are cleared according to public health guidance. Persons who retest negative (after an initial positive test) may return to school once they are symptom free and 14 days has passed.

If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, we will notify Chief and Council, M'Chigeeng Health Center, and Public Health Sudbury and District immediately. We will support all departments with their contact tracing efforts.

M'Chigeeng Health Center and Public Health Sudbury and District will determine any additional steps required- including communication about suspected cases of COVID-19 in the community. Lakeview School will not be releasing information until directed by the above departments.



COVID-19 Protocol Cont'd

Information provided to the school community will be provided by Lakeview School in consultation with Chief and Council, M'Chigeeng Health Center and Public Health Sudbury and District.

At the school, where an individual is suspected of having COVID-19 cleaning and disinfecting will also take place including:

1. Identifying areas that could have been exposed to the person with the suspected case and clean and disinfect those areas following policies established in the Pandemic Policy for Lakeview School.
2. Using disposable cleaning equipment where possible
3. Removal of any items that cannot be cleaned (paper, books, etc.) and store them in a sealed container for a minimum of 7 days.
4. A deep clean of the student's classroom.



Mental Health and Well-Being:

An important part of transitioning back to school is to focus on students' social-emotional learning skills so they can build resilience, manage their stress, and build positive relationships. This year we have added a full-time Mental Health Support Worker. This addition to the staff will be complemented by mental health, well-being resources and supports to help students be successful.

Timelines:

August 25-September 2 – Parent Return to School Intent Form. Parents are asked to indicate if they are choosing a Hybrid Model of Learning (Cohorting and Online Learning) or online learning for their child.

September 4- Parent Return to School Guide will be emailed to parents to assist with preparations for the 2020/2021 school year.

September 8- During this week, Lakeview School will contact you to let you know what class your child will be in.

September 14 or 21st- In-Class and online learning students start their first day.



If you have questions, be sure to visit the website to read the **Return to School FAQ** or Contact Lakeview School Principal!