



January 3, 2022

Hello Warburg Families

By now many of you will have read the letter from Black Gold School Division regarding the extension of Winter Break. However, for any who may have missed this email, or Thursday's ministerial announcement:

**In response to COVID-19 infections, Winter Break has been extended for all students from Pre-K to Grade 12 over all forms of schooling, through next week (January 3rd - 7th).**

**In person learning is set to resume on Monday, January the 10th.**

Along with this the Minister also made the following announcements-

- All school staff will be working during this time.
- There are NO extracurricular activities January 3-7, 2022 (includes all team practices). There are no exceptions to this.
- All Diploma Exams are cancelled for the January writings.
- Alberta Education is providing medical grade masks and 2 Rapid Test kits (with 5 rapid tests/kit) for all students and staff K-12. Details on the distribution will follow at a later date.

What do these announcements mean for Warburg School parents and students-

- When school commences on January 10th 2022:
  - Students should be assessed each day before school using any/all resources available including [rapid tests](#) and [Albert Health Services Guidelines](#).
  - Students with any symptoms are required to stay home
  - Students exhibiting symptoms at school will be sent home, regardless of any earlier positive/negative testing results. [See below](#).
  - Masking continues to be mandatory from Grade 3/4 to Grade 12. **Students will not be permitted into the building without a mask.**
- This extra week represents an opportunity for students to complete assignments. Details of outstanding assignments can easily be found by logging into [PowerSchool](#) and/or Google Classroom.

- Students who have items in their locker that they require, may pick them up on Thursday afternoon. ONLY STUDENTS may be in the building for this purpose.

### **Alberta Health Services Parental Guide for Students Attending School**

The following statement from Alberta Health Services is a useful guide when deciding if your child should be attending school.

Children can keep going to school, childcare or camps if they're well and don't show signs or symptoms of being sick. If your child is sick, they should stay home until they feel better. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they are legally required to isolate. If your child is a [household contact](#) of a confirmed case, it is strongly recommended that they stay home for 14 days, if they are not fully immunized.

From <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16998.aspx>

### **Rapid Tests**

The Government of Alberta has made, and continues to make, rapid tests readily available to the public.

While many of these tests are targeted for use by parents of school-aged children, there is still no requirement for parents to administer these tests, nor to report their findings. However, the health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority and we hope you will use the resources freely provided to help maintain the health of those in our building and in the community as a whole.

With that in mind, the following guidelines will be helpful:

### **Rapid Test Results**

- **Positive result 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 only if you meet the high-risk conditions outlined below.
  - Notify all close contacts from the previous 48 hours that they should [monitor for symptoms](#) and be cautious about going to any high risk settings like continuing care facilities or crowded indoor spaces.
  - There is no obligation to report positive tests to AHS or to the school
- **Positive result no symptoms**
  - [Isolate immediately](#).
  - Take second rapid test in 24 hours:
    - If negative, isolation can end unless you develop symptoms.
    - If positive, continue isolating as outlined above.
  - If the second test is positive, inform all close contacts as indicated above.

## Negative rapid test

NOTE: **A negative test result does not rule out infection.** Continue monitoring your symptoms and following public health guidelines.

- **Negative rapid test with symptoms**
  - [Isolate immediately](#) 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 isolation:
      - 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 rapid test no symptoms**
  - Isolation is not required but continue monitoring symptoms and following public health guidelines.

We are aware of the disruption that this change has caused for many people, and will continue to be as forthcoming and prompt with any developments as possible.

Thank you for your support.



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