

# **FLCA Guide To Reopening 2021/2022** (revised September 13, 2021)

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<b>Who will determine when it is safe for schools to operate?</b>	The Government of Ontario (which regulates the opening of private schools) with guidance from public health, will provide direction on school opening.
<b>When will school be opened for students?</b>	The first day of school is <b>Tuesday, September 7, 2021</b> for all students in PK-Grade 8.
<b>What model of instruction will FLCA be following?</b>	We will be following a normal school day routine, five days per week, with enhanced public health protocols in place. Students will be grouped in cohorts (one class plus their teacher/teachers as much as possible) for the full day, including recess and lunch.
<b>What happens if there is a school or community outbreak that necessitates the closing of schools?</b>	In either event, under the direction of the Ministry of Education or the Windsor Essex County Health Unit, we will make a smooth transition to a schoolwide home learning program.
<b>How will students be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms each day?</b>	Students <b>MUST</b> be assessed for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at home every morning by parents/guardians using the link located under the COVID-19 Screening Tool tab at <a href="http://www.flca.ca">www.flca.ca</a> . Please note the changes in the symptom list. Screening results should be shared with the school each morning at <a href="mailto:flcacovidscreening@gmail.com">flcacovidscreening@gmail.com</a> . The screening tool will indicate whether a student may come to school, as well as indicate next steps for those who should remain at home.
<b>What if a student becomes ill during the school day?</b>	Any student who begins to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while attending school will be immediately moved into a separate area and supervised by a staff member. Parents/guardians will be called and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. Key staff members will be trained in protocols for dealing with students who present as ill during the school day. Siblings of students who leave school due to COVID-19 symptoms will also be dismissed.
<b>Will staff members be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms each day?</b>	All staff members <b>MUST</b> complete self-assessment for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the school using the link located under the COVID-19 Screening Tool tab at <a href="http://www.flca.ca">www.flca.ca</a> . Screening results should be shared with the school each morning at <a href="mailto:flcacovidscreening@gmail.com">flcacovidscreening@gmail.com</a> .

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<p><b>Will visitors and volunteers be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms prior to each visit to the school?</b></p>	<p>All visitors and volunteers MUST complete self-assessment for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the school using the link located under the COVID-19 tab at <a href="http://www.flca.ca">www.flca.ca</a>. Visitors and volunteers must also sign-in with contact information at the table in the front lobby.</p>
<p><b>Will parents/guardians entering the school for Before School Care drop-off and After School Care pick-up be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms prior to each visit to the school?</b></p>	<p>All parents/guardians accessing the school for Before School Care drop-off and After School Care pick-up MUST complete self-assessment for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering the school using the link located under the COVID-19 tab at <a href="http://www.flca.ca">www.flca.ca</a>. They must also sign-in with contact information at the table in the front of the Library.</p>
<p><b>What preventative health and safety measures will be used at school?</b></p>	<p><b>Hand Hygiene:</b> Students will have access to soap and water for proper hand washing use in each classroom. Students will be reminded about how to wash their hands properly and to try to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the school.</p> <p>There will be age-appropriate signage, designed by the Health Unit, placed throughout the school to remind children to perform hand hygiene. A regular schedule for routine hand hygiene will be part of the school day.</p> <p><b>Physical distancing:</b> Maintaining physical distancing from others as much as is possible will be taught. We recognize that this will vary for some of our students who are younger.</p> <p>Our class sizes are small making a classroom physical distancing plan much easier to implement.</p> <p>Classroom tables and chairs will be arranged differently.</p> <p>Students and their teacher will remain together as a cohort throughout the day. The number of adults who interact with students will be minimized.</p> <p>Transition times will be planned and staggered.</p> <p>There will be no large gatherings of groups involving different cohorts inside, including assemblies, choir classes, etc. Chapel services will be held outside with distancing maintained between cohorts.</p> <p>Outdoor classes/activities will be encouraged.</p>

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<b>What preventative health and safety measures will be used at school (cont'd)?</b>	<p>Students will remain in their cohorts/groups during recess and all outdoor activities. Physical distancing between cohorts will be observed.</p> <p>Concert Band instruction will be paused until further notice.</p> <p>Directional, distancing and health and safety signage will be utilized throughout the school.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Lunches:</b> Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms with physical distancing. Snacks will be eaten outside at recess (PK/JK/SK classes will eat snacks and lunch inside).</p> <p>The hot lunch program will be suspended for the time being. All food must be brought from home. Students will be reminded not to share any food. This includes bringing in treats for the class.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Water:</b> Water fountains will not be used. Students should bring a clearly labelled water bottle from home. Provisions will be made for re-filling of water bottles.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Masks:</b> As per Ministry guidelines, the wearing of masks inside will be required for students in PK to Grade 8. Staff will be provided with masks as well as faceshields. The faceshields will be useful when working more closely with individual students. All adults who enter the school must wear masks.</p> <p>Masks are <b>not</b> required to be worn by students outside. Staff must wear masks outside.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Visitors To The School:</b> We will be limiting entry of parents/guardians, classroom volunteers, guests and others to the school upon advice of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Arrival and Dismissal:</b> PK/JK/SK students will use the side entrance (accessed from behind the gym) directly into the classrooms and parents (wearing masks) should accompany their children to the door in order to help them transition easily.</p>
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	<p><b>Changes To The School Day:</b> <i>(These are the same changes we operated under for the 2020/2021 school year)</i> . The Ministry of Education mandates 300 minutes of instruction in an elementary school day (not counting lunches and recesses). At FLCA, we have always provided 360 minutes of daily instruction. While we are operating under these changed conditions, we will be shortening the school day by 40 minutes in order to allow for staggered drop-off and pick-up schedules. We will still run our Before and After School programs, and allowances will be made with respect to billing for parents who cannot arrive at the set pick-up time due to work arrangements.</p>
<p><b>What enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures will be in place in school?</b></p>	<p>Based on health and safety recommendations, we will be enhancing our regular cleaning/disinfecting practices especially with high touch surface areas, such as desks, tables, doorknobs, water fountain knobs, light switches, toilet and faucet handles, and electronic devices.</p> <p>Porous materials, such as rugs or plush animals will be removed from the classrooms.</p>
<p><b>Will extra-curricular activities and sports be allowed?</b></p>	<p>Under the latest WECHU guidelines, all extra-curricular sports and clubs are paused until further notice.</p>