



County Central High School

Box 390, 504 – 4th Avenue South
Vulcan, Alberta T0L 2B0
Phone: (403) 485-2223 Fax: (403) 485-2959



Exceptional Education **Principal: Ms. Leanne Hellman, B.Sc., B.Ed., M.A., M.Sc.**
Vice-principal: Mr. Donauvon Monts

September 24th, 2021

Dear parents & guardians:

On September 22nd, 2021, Alberta Health Services updated their Guidance for Schools (K-12) and School Buses. Besides the new requirement for masks to be worn in Grades 4 -12 when in hallways and common areas of the school, there are some additional changes that will impact our school community.

First, the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) has been updated for both youth and adults to include that household close contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days from the last exposure. Families are reminded to screen students for symptoms each morning before sending them to school. Anyone who reports symptoms will be directed to stay home, seek health care advice as appropriate (e.g., call Health Link 811, or their primary health care practitioner, or 911 for emergency response), and fill out the AHS Online Self-Assessment tool to determine if they should be tested. Students must not enter the school building if they have COVID-19 symptoms, even if symptoms resemble a mild cold.

Second, we are required to report if we have ten percent or more of our students away from school due to illness. Please ensure that if your child is unwell and absent from school, you inform the office by calling 403-485-2223, or by entering your child's absence using the SafeArrival app. We have also begun sending out a notification letter when a positive case of COVID-19 has been identified and confirmed within our school. When we are made aware of a positive case, I will send out a general letter to all families as well as a more specific letter to the grade level affected.

Third, in the interest of preserving our students' opportunity to play sports, the decision has been made to allow only players and their coaches to attend games and tournaments at County Central High School. The complexities of the new measures involving capacity and distancing requirements

make it difficult to manage the number of spectators we would be permitted to have in a fair and balanced manner. With the goal of keeping sports going for our students, we are sadly foregoing having spectators in our building so that we do not put their safety or their season at risk.

This decision was made in consultation with Palliser and the other south high schools in the hope that we can minimize conflict in terms of meeting the new AHS requirements regarding spectators at athletic events. I am hopeful that this will be a temporary measure and that we will be able to gather and cheer on our students together in the not-too-distant future. Athletics are an important part of school life, and supporting our students is an important part of community life. We recognize the value of having spectators at games and are hopeful that we will be able to return to normal soon.

If you have any questions regarding these new measures, please contact me directly at 403-485-2223 or at leanne.hellman@pallisersd.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Leanne Hellman