

Pandemic Response System Summary of Level Red Restrictions Information for the Community

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INTRODUCTION

The information in this Summary of Level Red Restrictions provides highlights of information communicated to you earlier. Please contact your child's school principal if you have any questions or require additional information.

In all situations, please remember everyone must maintain **physical distancing of 2 metres** and **masks are required** whenever you are around other people.

PRINCIPLES

- Schools will be closed and remote learning will occur, with the exception of kindergarten to Grade 6 students of critical services workers who may still attend school (for remote learning) AND children with additional needs that preclude them from staying home independently.

OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Under the definition of a critical services worker (CSW), *all employees of RETSD are CSWs and, unless otherwise approved by their administrator/supervisor, are expected to attend their worksite.* Staffing levels within various departments will be determined based on divisional need.

- **Administration Offices:** Generally closed to the general public. Essential visits will be considered and must be by appointment.
- **Senior Years Schools (9–12):** Generally closed to the general public. Only essential visits will be considered, and these must be by appointment.
- **Middle Years Schools (6–8):** Generally closed to the general public. Only essential visits will be considered, and these must be by appointment. Schools are generally closed and only remote learning will be provided for students. K–6 students of critical service workers and children with additional needs who cannot stay home independently will participate in remote learning in the school.
- **Early & Middle Years Schools (K–8):** Generally closed to the general public. Only essential visits will be considered, and these must be by appointment. Schools are generally closed and only remote learning will be provided for students. K–6 students of critical service workers and children with additional needs who cannot stay home independently will participate in remote learning in the school.
- **Early Years Schools (K–5):** Generally closed to the general public. Only essential visits will be considered, and these must be by appointment. Schools are generally closed and only remote learning will be provided for students. K–6 students of critical service workers and children with additional needs who cannot stay home independently will participate in remote learning in the school.
- **Early Learning & Child Care Operations:** Child care in schools will operate at reduced capacity and will be limited to students of critical service workers, as outlined in the Public Health Guidance for Child Care Centres.
- **Student Services:** Closed to the general public.
- **Transportation Department:** Closed to the general public.
 - RETSD will be busing **identified and eligible** children of critical services workers and children with additional needs who do not have other means of transportation during a critical level (RED).

- **Maintenance Department:** Closed to the general public. Facility and custodial activities will be maintained to ensure safe operations in compliance with public health guidelines.
- **Parents & Community:** All community user groups and school use permits cancelled. Essential visits will be considered and must be by appointment. Parent meetings, including parent teacher interviews, as well as systems/agency meetings, are to be moved to Teams.

Security & Access

- All entrance and exit doors will be locked. Access will be limited to RETSD staff only on an as needed basis.
- Signage will be posted indicating the process to follow for those needing access.

Critical Services Worker Definition

- In a critical (RED) response level, schools and school divisions will endeavour to accommodate kindergarten to Grade 6 students of CSWs who cannot make alternate care arrangements and children with additional needs who are not able to stay at home independently. Each school will communicate with identified families on this matter.

Supervision/Operational Requirements for Children of Critical Service Workers

- Children of CSWs who are engaged in remote learning in school and children with additional needs who are not able to stay at home independently will be supervised by educational assistants and youth care workers.
- In-school remote learning for children will be directed by the current classroom teacher. **All children will remain attached to their home room/primary teacher for remote programming.**

Additional Information

- Student appointments and access to the school—while in RED on the Pandemic Response System, student appointments are generally not permitted.
- Work experience/community-based instruction
 - In RETSD, while the city is classified as RED on the COVID response scale, all non-credit work experiences that occur outside of the school building will no longer be offered for the duration of time the city (and surrounding areas) remain in code RED.
- Technical vocational programming
 - At this time, all in-school programming is suspended; however, through appointments students can continue to attend to ensure technical vocational program requirements are met.