

Covid Plan for R.A. McMath Montreal and Québec May 2024 Field Trip

1. If isolation is required, what is the plan and how will supervision ratios be maintained?

We have 5 sponsors and a max of 40 students going. If a sponsor is needed to stay back at the hotel with a sick student, the supervision ratio of 1:10 can still be maintained. The students in the sick student's hotel room will be able to use a cot in other school reserved rooms so that the healthy students are able to isolate from the student who is ill. The same applies to the teacher supervising the ill student – any staff supervisors in that staff's shared room will be moved into other supervisors rooms to isolate from the staff member supervising the ill student.

2. Will additional supervisors be in-waiting and prepared to travel?

There is an additional 1 supervising staff above the 1:10 ratio, so supervising ratios can be maintained if students (or staff) fall ill.

3. Will parent/guardians be required to travel to care for their child who is isolating?

Parents will be required to fly to Montreal or Québec and step in if:

- a) we run out of isolation space,
- b) it is time for the group to travel home and their child is unable to fly due to illness or Covid travel rules in place, or
- c) immediately upon the hospitalization of a child.

4. What is the pick-up/travel plan for a participant who tests positive for Covid?

If travel rules permit return to BC while the child tests positive for Covid, we will take all precautions advised by the airline and per travel restrictions. As of now, travel is not permitted if the traveller suspects or knows they have Covid 19, has had Covid within the last 10 days, or has signs or symptoms of Covid. If travel is still not permitted due to these travel restrictions still being in place, parents would be expected to arrive in Québec prior to the group leaving and stay and cover costs for themselves and the child until the child is permitted to fly.

We will be travelling with a one extra supervisors. We will carry several Covid rapid test kits and we will test any students and supervisors who exhibit or complain of symptoms. If this happens when we are on a site, the bus company will be on call to take the student and a supervising teacher back to the hotel to an isolation room. If isolation for a student is necessary due to Covid, we will have a minimum of one supervisor's rooms set aside for isolation protocol (supervisors displaced will join other supervisors in rooms with a cot) and our supervising teacher will remain on site during the day to care for the students who are in isolation while we maintain supervisor coverage at the sites we visit. We will travel with face masks.

All of these protocols will be given to parents in writing and at our parent information meeting.