The goal of Nova Scotia’s Back to School Plan is to maximize in-person attendance while ensuring health and safety measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This plan includes multiple public health measures that are most effective when they are layered together.

Our shared health depends on our shared actions at home, on the bus and at school.

Together, we’ve got this!

**AT SCHOOL…**
- Students in Grades 4–12 & all staff wear face masks inside
- Enhanced cleaning & high touch surfaces cleaned twice daily
- Essential visitors only
- No locker use

**ON THE BUS…**
- All riders & drivers wear masks
- Riders from the same household sit together where possible
- Twice daily cleaning & high-touch surfaces cleaned between runs

**AT HOME…**
- Keep children home if they are unwell
- Teach & model proper handwashing, cough & sneeze etiquette
- Send a full water bottle to school
- Ensure children know how & when to wear a face mask

**IN THE CLASSROOM…**
- Frequent opportunities for handwashing throughout the day
- Staggered lunches & recesses when possible
- Directional arrows to control hallway flow & minimize interaction
- Designated entrances & exits for students

**OUTSIDE…**
- Continued cohorts during outside play
- Maximize opportunities for outdoor learning

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