



# Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents / Caregivers and Staff:

Public Health and Manitoba Education continue to update and revise decisions related to public health measures for schools as an ongoing response to the pandemic.

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, Education Minister Cliff Cullen and Dr. Roussin announced that in the cities of Winnipeg and Brandon, where the number of COVID cases are rising, Kindergarten- Grade 12 students will be moved to remote learning until Monday May 31, 2021. Outside these cities, schools remain open for in class learning unless the number of cases in communities / schools determines a move to remote learning is necessary.

Please note the following.

- **All Evergreen Schools remain open for in class learning.** Public health continues to monitor schools closely. Based on evidence that there has not been a case associated with an Evergreen school in greater than 14 days, our schools have not been moved to remote learning by public health.
- **Our schools will implement the additional public health measures required:**
  - all extra-curricular activities, organized sports and off-site activities are suspended, except for physically distanced walks/runs in the local community;
  - no indoor singing and no indoor use of wind instruments will be allowed; and
  - school officials can require students and/or staff who are showing symptoms to stay home for 10 days and encourage them to seek testing. Household members without symptoms should also self-isolate (quarantine) until the sick individual's negative test result is received (unless exempted by guidelines);
  - all other public health measures will remain in effect.
  - Effective April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Evergreen School Division made the decision to require all staff use medical masks.
- A change in status from in person learning to remote learning will be determined with guidance from public health and Manitoba Education if any of our schools have multiple cases (outside the same household) in different cohorts.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to respond to provincial direction regarding the pandemic. Take care.

Yours in education,

Roza Gray, Superintendent