



# Evergreen School Division

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## PUBLIC UPDATE #2

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Dear Community Members,

As we draw closer to the first day of school, and as Manitoba Education responds to the ever changing COVID19 situation, new direction has been provided to the Division. Please note the following updates/changes:

**1. Masks:** The most recent mask direction includes the following:

- Students in grade 4 and up, teachers, staff and visitors are required to wear masks in school.
- Students K-3 are encouraged to wear masks.
- Parents are asked to send their children with more than one mask each day so that soiled or wet masks can be replaced.
- Masks will be provided for those children who need one.
- On the bus, all students and the driver are to wear mask.
- Anyone who is actively having breathing difficulties or who is unable to remove the mask without assistance (due to age, ability or developmental status) should not wear a mask. If a child is unable to properly wear a mask or has a medical condition that does not allow them to wear a mask, parents/guardians are required to provide written notification to the school.
- A face shield is not a replacement for a non-medical mask.
- 'Mask breaks' will be provided. Students will not be required to wear a mask outdoors. Teachers will permit occasional mask breaks in class when students are seated and 2 metres apart. Teachers will be permitted to remove masks temporarily while providing instruction when 2 metres of physical distancing is in place.

**2. Transportation:** For those students eligible for transportation, parents/guardians will be notified of their child's route information and pick-up time before the end of the week. Students will be seated with a member of the household or with a student in the same school cohort. Parents are encouraged to transport their children if at all possible.

**3. Staggered start:** For the first two days of school, student attendance will be 'staggered' i.e. they will be invited in on a schedule with half of the students attending the first day, and the remaining half of the students attending the second day. This will permit staff to support students in learning and adjusting to the many safety protocols in place in our schools. A letter from the school was sent by email to families last week. Please check your email for this information.

**4. Learning from home:** The direction from Manitoba Education continues to be that students are expected to attend school unless they or a family member is immunocompromised.

Alternatively, parents may choose to home-school. Presently, provincial direction is that school-delivered remote learning is not available on the basis of parent/guardian choice. However, the Division is committed to providing some level of support to parents who choose to home-school. More information will follow to these families mid-September. Please contact the school office if you choose not to send your child to school.

5. **Daily screening:** Parents/guardians are required to screen their children daily. On the basis of this screening, children with symptoms are required to stay home. The screening checklist is attached to this document, and linked here
6. **Safety protocols:** Public Health directs the public health measures in schools. In keeping with this direction, our schools are ready with the following safety protocols: staying home when sick; restricting visitor access; physical distancing; cohorts; hand hygiene; masks; enhanced cleaning and disinfecting. For more information, please see the parent information below.
7. **Additional parent information:**
  - Today, Manitoba Education released additional information for parents/guardians. Please see <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html>
  - Evergreen's Re-opening Plan, shared August 17 is linked below. We will continue to update this document as new information becomes available  
<https://www.esd.ca/Documents/COVID-19/EvergreenReopeningPlan.pdf>

We are looking forward to students' return next week. Much will be different, and we are ready. Please follow our Twitter account (@evergreen\_sd) for photos and additional details from schools.

Sincerely,

Roza Gray  
Superintendent and CEO



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## Symptom and exposure screening questions (check all that apply)

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>fever &gt; 38°C or think you have a fever or chills</li><li>cough</li><li>sore throat/ hoarse voice</li><li>shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties</li><li>loss of taste or smell</li><li>vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours</li></ul>			
<b>If "yes" to any one of the above, DO NOT ENTER</b>			
Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?		Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>runny nose</li><li>muscle aches</li><li>fatigue</li><li>conjunctivitis (pink eye)</li><li>headache</li><li>skin rash of unknown cause</li><li>nausea or loss of appetite</li><li>poor feeding (if an infant)</li></ul>			
<b>If "yes" to any two of the above, DO NOT ENTER</b>			
Exposure history		Yes	No
1. Have you been in close contact (within two metres/ six feet for more than 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with a confirmed COVID-19 case?			
2. Have you been exposed to COVID-19 in a work or public setting?			
3. Have you travelled outside of Canada, or within Canada, east of Terrace Bay, Ontario in the past 14 days?			
4. A. In the last 14 days has anyone living in your household travelled outside of Canada, or within Canada, east of Terrace Bay, Ontario? If yes, proceed to question 4B. If no, do not complete 4B or 4C.			
B. IF YES to 4A, is your household traveller exempt from self-isolation (quarantine) requirements ( <a href="http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19/soe.html">www.manitoba.ca/covid19/soe.html</a> )? If no, proceed to question 4C. If yes, do not complete 4C.			
C. If NO to 4B, have you been in close contact with the household traveller in the last 14 days since their return from travel?			
<b>If "yes" to question 1, 2, 3, or 4C - DO NOT ENTER</b>			

If the checklist advises you Not to Enter: stay home, isolate and refer to the online COVID-19 Screening Tool at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> or call Health Links – Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll free at 1-888-315-9257 for further guidance.

Up to date information on COVID-19 can be found at: [www.manitoba.ca/covid19](http://www.manitoba.ca/covid19)

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