



Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Staff:

We continue to respond to evolving public health direction, and have recently updated Evergreen School Division's Pandemic Plan, which is linked [here](#). For your convenience, important changes and reminders are summarized below:

- 1. Vaccination requirement for participation in sports/extracurricular events:**
 - Physical Education:* All students may continue to participate in physical education classes and intramurals during the school day.
 - Extracurricular Activities:* Effective December 6th, proof of vaccination (at least one dose) will be required to participate in extracurricular activities (outside of the school day sports or clubs). Pending provincial guidelines regarding proof of negative test results, exceptions may be considered.
- 2. Visitors in Schools:** To protect students and staff, visitors are restricted to those with proof of double vaccination and received by appointment.
- 3. Spectators for school sports:** The Division will permit spectators to school events in the new year under the following conditions:
 - Each student is permitted two fully double vaccinated spectators.
 - Each spectator is pre-approved via registration at the school office.
 - Identification must be provided at the event for verification against the pre-approved list.
- 4. Community use of Schools:** Community use of schools will be permitted in the new year, subject to the following conditions:
 - All visitors/community participants will follow the public health requirement that exist during the school day, including mandatory mask wearing and proof of double vaccination for all participants.
 - Recreation specific/sport specific PH guidance must be followed.
 - Fees for increased cleaning (approximately 1 hour per classroom) will be charged to groups.
 - Details regarding community use will follow to participants requesting permits.
- 5. Holiday concerts:** Holiday concerts will be pre-recorded. Parents will be sent a link to view the festivities.
- 6. COVID-19 cases** are on the rise in our communities. Please check the screening checklist https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/covid19_screening_checklist.pdf to see if your child should stay home and consult the shared health screening tool <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> to determine if you need a COVID 19 test. **Please, do not send your child to school if your child has symptoms or is awaiting a test result. If your child has COVID-19 symptoms, you are required to keep them home for 10 days unless your child has a negative covid-test.**
- 7. Holiday travel:** Unvaccinated travelers must isolate for 14 days upon return to Manitoba.
- 8. Staff shortages:** We continue to be short of bus drivers and casual staff. We are doing our best to fill absences in creative ways; yet, we still require your patience and understanding when routes/events are cancelled.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions.