



# Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents/Caregivers and Staff:

## Current Crisis in Ukraine

We are sensitive to our local and provincial ties to Ukraine. Our schools and our teachers are doing their best to help with student questions and worries as the world reacts to the news and images of the invasion.

This news release <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/talking-to-kids-about-ukraine-1.6363815> suggests strategies to help our youth understand and talk about war and conflict. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher regarding your child's needs relevant to this matter.

## Public Health update

Although this shocking development on the world stage lends new perspective on our own news, there are public health changes in schools effective March 1<sup>st</sup> to draw to your attention:

- Proof of vaccination will no longer be required in public places as of March 1, 2022. For schools, this means that proof of vaccination will no longer be required for visitors to schools.
- Proof of vaccination will no longer be required for designated school staff as of March 1, 2022. Designated unvaccinated staff working in the education and child care sectors will no longer be required to undergo mandatory rapid antigen testing after February 28, 2022.
- Rapid antigen testing is recommended for individuals if they have symptoms. Schools can provide Kindergarten to Grade 12 staff and students with access to rapid antigen tests for use when symptoms develop.
- Schools and child care centres remain in the Caution level (Yellow) on the Pandemic Response System (PRS) and will continue to implement measures directed by public health.  
[https://gov.mb.ca/asset\\_library/en/covid/mbprs\\_schools\\_yellow.pdf](https://gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/mbprs_schools_yellow.pdf).

As public health restrictions to evolve, we will continue to communicate our practices.

With hope,

Roza Gray  
Superintendent