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1. Visitor and volunteers	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At this time of heightened concern, visitors to schools will be highly restricted and permitted only under the following circumstances:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received by appointment.Limited to those with proof of double vaccinationPublic health and safety, social welfare and emergency services are permitted to attend schools to carry out their duties as requiredContractors and other service providers must provide proof of vaccination.
2. Extra-curricular activities	All activities must adhere to public health guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Clubs and activities may continue.Masks are required in physical education classes and after school practices.Students who are double vaccinated students may participate in extra-curricular sports.Practices may continue.Games are suspended for the time being.
3. Spectators for in school activities	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No visitors or spectators will be permitted for the time being.
4. Community use of schools	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time. Community use of schools is permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community use of schools will be temporarily delayed.



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1. Student vaccination or testing to participate in extra-curricular activities	Starting on December 6 th , all students who are eligible to be vaccinated must provide proof of vaccination to participate in indoor extra-curricular sports or show proof of a recent negative rapid antigen test. Students with one dose will be permitted to participate without testing. Students will not require proof of vaccination to participate in physical education, as this is part of the school curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will be required to share proof of vaccination to the school principal to participate in school extra-curricular activities.
2. Vaccinations for students aged 5-11	Parents are asked to get their children vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available.	Public Health advises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community pop up clinics will be available<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gimli (New Horizons) Dec 4th, 6th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 18thRiverton (Riverton Hall) Dec 15thArborg.(Community Hall) Dec 7thPlease contact PH for more details.In school vaccination clinic will be held at WBS on Dec 16th. Student immunizations (with consent) 1-3 pm; community clinic 4-6 pm would allow for parents to be present with their children for vaccinations.
3. Visitor and volunteers See January 2022 update.	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visitors and volunteers are permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visitors to schools are restricted to those with proof of double vaccination and received by appointment.Public health and safety, social welfare and emergency services are permitted to attend schools to carry out their duties as required

(see also tri-conferences and spectators sections below)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration will be given to permitting visitors/volunteers with proof of vaccination. Contractors and other service providers must provide proof of vaccination.
4. Spectators for in school activities See January 2022 update.	<p>In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors and volunteers are permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders. 	<p>Further to the PHO relating to student vaccinations for participation in school extra-curricular activities, the Division will permit spectators to school events in the new year with the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each student is permitted two fully double vaccinated spectators Each spectator is pre- approved via registration at the school office. Identification will be provided at the event for verification against the pre-approved list. <p>Details will follow from schools in January.</p>
5. Tri Conferences	<p>In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors and volunteers are permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April tri conferences will occur primarily via MS TEAMS. In person appointments will be provided as an option only for those who provide proof of double vaccination status.
6. Community use of schools See January 2022 update.	Community use of schools is permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<p>Community use of schools will be permitted in the new year, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All visitors/ community participants would be subject to the same PH requirements as exist during the school day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mandatory mask wearing proof of double vaccination for all participants Recreation specific / sport specific PH guidance would need to be followed Fees for increased cleaning (approximately 1hour per classroom) <p>Details regarding community use will follow to participants requesting permits.</p>
7. Holiday concerts	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time	Holiday concerts will be pre-recorded. Parents will be sent a link to view the festivities.
8. Basketball See January 2022 update on extracurricular activities..	Play must adhere to public health guidance and Division expectations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Double vaccinated students may participate in extra curricular sports. Play outside of the zone will be pre-approved by the Division Overnight trips are not permitted. As per PTP Basketball MB, "Indoor sports facilities will be requiring the use of non-medical masks, however the participant has the option to remove the mask while active on the court."



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	<p>New release October 1, 2021: https://gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/response_management-k12.pdf</p> <p>Manitoba Education COVID related information is continually updated at https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html</p>	<p>Evergreen School Division COVID related information can be found at https://www.esd.ca/Pages/COVID-19-Information.aspx#/=</p>
1. Spectators for indoor school events Please see updated December 2021 section of this document	<p>PHO that came into effect at September 3, 2021, Order 14 (1) states:</p> <p><i>"Indoor sporting and recreational facilities, including dance, theatre and music studios, must not operate unless admission of members of the public to the facility is restricted to the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) <i>Persons who produce proof that they are fully immunized;</i>b) <i>Persons produce proof from the Government of MB that there is a medical reason for the person not to receive a vaccine for COVID-19;</i>c) <i>Persons under 18 years of age</i> <p><i>For certainty, subsection (1) applies to spectators who are watching sporting or recreational activities at the facility.</i></p> <p><i>14 (3) which indicates that 14(1) applies when public schools are used for activities that are not part of school sanctioned events.</i></p> <p>https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/20212022/orders-soe-09022021.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHO for spectators at sporting events in schools have not been released.• If/ when similar PHO are released to govern spectators at school events, schools will need some time to implement a method/ staffing for proof of vaccination for spectators.• The Division will not have a safety standard that is less than that in the community for recreational events.

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2. Vaccination clinics in schools	Our most effective intervention for COVID 19 is vaccination. To make it easier to get the vaccine, public health teams are offering vaccinations in schools. All students born on or before December 31, 2009 are eligible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Division has/will continue to alert parents to vaccination clinics in schools. On behalf of public health, the Division will continue to distribute consent forms and information on the vaccine.
3. Proof of Vaccination or mandatory COVID-19 testing for staff	All front-line workers who have direct and ongoing or prolonged contact with vulnerable populations will be subject to routine rapid testing requirements if they're not fully vaccinated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This applies to all staff in Evergreen, including practicum students, volunteers and the Board of Trustees. See Admin Procedure 8.361 Mandatory COVID-19 testing for Staff To protect our students and staff, this testing is in place in advance of the provincial deadline for implementation (October 18, 2021)
4. Transportation by private vehicle / carpool	Guidance from public health on shared transportation can be found at https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/transportation.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will not arrange carpooling for students when bus transportation is not available. Staff will not transport students in their personal vehicles. Parents must contact the coach if they intend to permit their child to drive themselves to a game/tournament. Students/parents may privately arrange transportation with other parents. Students are not permitted to transport other students to school sanctioned events. Students who share such transportation will not be permitted to participate in activities.
5. Community use of schools Please see updated December 2021 section of this document	Community use of schools is permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community use remains postponed until further PHO clarify recreational use in school facilities. Fees for increased cleaning (approximately 1 hour per classroom) Any community use of schools would be subject to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the same PH requirements as exist during the school day (i.e. mandatory mask wearing) recreation specific requirements (including proof of vaccination) sport specific guidance

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6. Mature student program	Divisions can require that any persons submit proof of vaccination as condition of entry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at this program, in this non-school building, will be permitted to those who provide proof of vaccination. Remote options will be available as an alternative. Details will be communicated to participants.
9. Vaccination for participation in extra curricular Please see updated December 2021 section of this document	“Future changes may include requiring all those eligible to be vaccinated to provide proof of vaccination to participate in indoor recreational activities, and allow partially vaccinated youth aged 12 to 17 (with one vaccine dose) to participate. Manitoba committed to consultation to seek feedback and input.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presently, proof of vaccination status is not required to participate on a school team. As public health orders are released, our practices will be adjusted.
10. Tri-conferences Please see updated December 2021 section of this document	In an effort to reduce exposure, schools may limit visitors in the school at any given time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tri conferences will occur primarily via MS TEAMS. In-person appointments will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the principal.
11. Self-screening	Reinforce self screening for symptoms and enforce the public health requirements for students who are symptomatic to be tested for COVID-19. If students are not tested, they are to isolate at home for 10 days at which time they can return to school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will remind parents of children with symptoms of COVID-19 to either a) keep their children at home for 10 days or b) get their children tested, and if the result is negative, return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve
12. Self-isolation guidelines	Public health officials have updated isolation requirements for close contacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals identified as close contacts are required to self-isolate for 10 days and continue to self monitor for 4 additional days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will continue to support public health with the identification of close contacts.



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1. Cohorts and physical distancing	Cohorts will be used for K to grade 6 to reduce potential expose to student not yet eligible for vaccination. Schools will manage the flow of people in common areas. e	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible (approximately 1 metre or greater where possible).Schools assign largest class spaces to larger class sizes.No 'duplex classrooms'K-8 students are organized into cohorts to limit exposure.Student movement in the school is staggered to manage the flow and physical distancing of students.
2. Masks	Masks are mandatory in all indoor spaces for all K-12 students. This includes while riding the bus. Mask breaks can occur with physical distancing of 2 metres to the greatest extent possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All staff are required to wear medical mask.Masks are provided to students and staff as required.Exemptions to mask use must follow the established exemption criteria and be verified by a Dr's note.
3. Fundamentals	Staff and students will continue to follow the fundamentals (self -screening; hand hygiene and staying home when sick)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School and Division communication regarding the ongoing expectation.Parents and guardians should continue to screen their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to school. A self-screening tool is available at https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/
4. Bus Transportation	School transportation will return to pre-COVID policies and practices with some additional cleaning requirements. Assigned seating will continue. Mask use is mandatory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drivers are responsible for additional daily/weekly cleaning.All students eligible for transportation (1.6 km or greater from the school) are provided bus service.Pay for service (less than 1.6 km) is not permitted.Due to driver shortage, extra-curricular trips may be limited.

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6. Music and Band	Wind instruments and indoor singing are allowed, while ensuring adequate ventilation and encouraging physical distancing where possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per MB Education direction.
7. Toys and manipulatives	Sharing toys, manipulatives and shared play centres is permitted, provided good hand hygiene is practiced before and after use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although shared materials are permitted, schools will continue some practices regarding individual student materials.
8. Libraries	School and classroom libraries are open for use. Ensure good hand hygiene before and after use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per MB Education direction.
9. Food Handling / Service	Kitchens and cafeterias may be open. Only staff must handle food. Prepackaged snacks are preferred. Avoid overcrowding and practice good hand hygiene before and after.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per MB Education direction.
10. Cleaning	Cleaning and disinfecting will focus on high touch surfaces and common areas. Washrooms are the exception, which require more frequent cleaning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per MB Education direction.
11. Ventilation	Maintain ventilation and ensure mechanical heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are working properly. Open windows when weather permits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All school ventilation systems were inspected by an HVAC professional. Our systems are in excellent working order and meet or exceed the ASHRAE verifications. We continue to optimize our systems to achieve higher levels of air exchange and meet other provincial guidelines released in August 2021.
12. Visitors and volunteers Please see updated section December 2021	Visitors and volunteers are permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors to schools are strictly restricted and received by appointment. Public health and safety, social welfare and emergency services are permitted to attend schools to carry out their duties as required Consideration will be given to permitting visitors/volunteers with proof of vaccination. Contractors and other service providers must provide proof of vaccination.
13. Community use of schools Please see updated section December 2021	Community use of schools is permitted provided they adhere to public health recommendations and orders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community use remains postponed until further PHO clarify recreational use in school facilities. (See updated guidance October 2021, section 5. above)