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Pandemic Return to School Plan

Evergreen's School Division's responses to the ongoing pandemic will follow the direction of public health and Manitoba Education.

	MANITOBA EDUCATION	DIVISION RESPONSE
	Manitoba Education COVID related information is continually updated at https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html	Evergreen School Division COVID related information can be found at https://www.esd.ca/Pages/COVID-19-Information.aspx#/="
1. Mask Use	Medical masks are recommended by not required in indoor spaces effective March 15, 2022	<p>Mask use is strongly encouraged.</p> <p>Medical masks will continue to be made available for staff, students and visitors.</p> <p>A reminder that mask use as a personal choice will continue on the basis of individual risk and a desire to continue to keep others safe from unintended potential spread of the virus.</p> <p>Individual choices regarding mask use will be respected.</p>
2. Physical distancing / cohorts	Physical distancing and cohorts are no longer required.	A gradual phasing out of physical distancing will occur.
3. Staying home when sick	<p>Parents/ caregivers and staff are encouraged to report cases to schools.</p> <p>Isolation is still advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People with symptoms should stay home and isolate for five days after symptoms start, until they have no fever and other symptoms have improved over the past 24 hours. Individuals who have tested positive but do not develop symptoms should isolate for 5 days from the date of the test. Individuals should wear a well fitted, well made mask if they have direct contact with other people while they are ill, when their isolation is finished, for 10 days after the onset of symptoms or test date if asymptomatic. 	<p>Schools will continue to monitor absenteeism and report unusually high absenteeism in schools/ classrooms to families. The daily attendance tracker will be withdrawn after spring break</p> <p>As has always been the case, if a child is ill at school, schools will call parents / caregivers to take the child home.</p> <p>Public health isolation and mask use recommendations will be expected.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People who have symptoms or test positive should avoid non-essential visits with higher risk people or at higher risk settings (such as hospitals and personal care homes) for 10 days after the onset of symptoms or test date if asymptomatic. 	
4. School assemblies and gatherings	In person or virtual delivery can be made at school or Division level.	A gradual return to assemblies / gatherings will occur over the coming weeks/months.,
5. Spectators / visitors and volunteers	Can resume regular practices.	<p>Visitors and volunteers are asked to schedule meetings with the school office.</p> <p>Spectators are welcome at scheduled events.</p> <p>Tri conferences will have virtual and in-person options available.</p>
6. Community use of schools	Can resume regular practices.	As provincial direction.
7. Cleaning / sanitizing	<p>Routine cleaning and disinfection practices will continue with a focus on high touch surfaces and common areas in schools and on buses.</p> <p>Continued access to hand hygiene products.</p>	As provincial direction.
8. Music	No restrictions on music activities.	As provincial direction.
9. Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits	RAT kits are more widely available as province is distributing test kits to retail partners across the province.	<p>Schools will provide their current supply of test kits to students and staff for use when symptoms develop.</p> <p>Testing is voluntary.</p>