



# Evergreen School Division

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Dear Parents / Caregivers and Staff:

As you are aware, the Government of Manitoba is loosening public health restrictions. Please note the following:

1. **Masks:** Masks will continue to be required in schools and on buses until the end of the day March 14<sup>th</sup>. Effective March 15<sup>th</sup> Public Health direction is that masks are *recommended* but not *required* in indoor places, including schools and daycares. Evergreen School Division is strongly recommending that staff and students continue to wear masks in schools and on buses to reduce transmission of COVID-19. Masks will continue to be made available to those who wish to wear them. We will respect the various choices people will make regarding mask use.
2. **Vaccination Requirements**
  - a) **Extra-curricular:** It is no longer necessary for students eligible for vaccination to show proof of vaccination to participate in extracurricular sports.
  - b) **Staff:** Staff are no longer required to undergo mandatory testing if they are unvaccinated.
  - c) **Visitors:** Proof of vaccination is no longer required to enter the school as a visitor. Entrance to the school is still limited to appointments and at the discretion of the principal.
3. **Hand washing / sanitizing:** Schools will continue to make hand sanitizer available for voluntary use at school entrances/exits. As per our pre-pandemic practices, early and middle years students will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to meals.
4. **Attendance reporting:** We will continue to update our school attendance trackers daily until Spring Break. Schools will continue to inform parents if classroom/ cohort (early years) or grades (high schools) have absenteeism greater than 30%.
5. **Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT):** A limited supply of RAT tests are available to symptomatic staff and students. Please contact your child's school. Further, RAT kits will soon be available at select pharmacies and grocery stores. Please see <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/rat.html> for further information.
6. **Tri conferences (April 20-22):** Parents/caregivers will be given an option regarding in person or virtual meeting times.
7. **Prevention Measures:** Together with the Government of Manitoba, we continue to encourage the following prevention measures:
  - Stay home if you're sick.
  - Wash your hands frequently.
  - Assess your risk and know if you are eligible for treatment.
  - Get vaccinated and get boosted when you can.

The Evergreen community has demonstrated great kindness and understanding as we navigated this difficult time. We are hopeful for your continued support as we near what we hope is a transition out of the pandemic.

Kind regards,  
Roza Gray