

Implementing Direction from Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning and Public Health in the Louis Riel School Division

Direction from MEECL/Public Health	Louis Riel School Division Plan
In-Person, In Class, Everyday Fundamentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ monitor daily for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 ✓ stay home when sick ✓ frequent hand washing with easy access to hand hygiene products ✓ practice respiratory etiquette (i.e., covering coughs and sneezes) ✓ ventilation improvements, routine cleaning and disinfection protocols with a focus on high-touch surfaces and common areas including washrooms ✓ encourage vaccinations (COVID-19 and routine immunizations) ✓ respect individual choice regarding mask use, and have masks and rapid antigen tests available for staff and students if needed ✓ have plans in place for when students become ill at school and if there are high cases of respiratory illness 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate everyday fundamentals to staff, students & families. 2. Teachers will remind students of everyday fundamentals and implement classroom routines that align with them. 3. School principals will monitor absence patterns and consult senior leadership and Public Health if a concerning trend appears. 4. Custodial staff will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. monitor and replenish supplies of hand hygiene products b. implement routine cleaning and disinfection protocols with a focus on high-touch surfaces and common areas including washrooms c. monitor ventilation systems, perform routine maintenance, and report any problems may arise 5. LRSD will continue to encourage vaccinations for COVID-19 and other routine immunizations. LRSD will offer space in schools to the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for on-site student vaccination programs. 6. Each school will develop, implement, and communicate a plan for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. when students become ill at school b. when there are high cases of respiratory illness 7. Staff, students, families and visitors to LRSD facilities will respect individual choice regarding mask use.



<p>Masks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ We continue to ask that public health guidance on mask use be followed, and that schools ensure that individual choice regarding mask use is respected.✓ While masks are no longer required to be worn in indoor public spaces in Manitoba, including schools, they are recommended in some situations, and individuals may choose to wear a mask based on their personal risk assessment or preference. Mask Recommendations: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/resources/masks.html✓ If staff and students choose to wear masks, they are encouraged to bring their own masks.✓ A supply will be available to schools in the short term for use when needed. School divisions can order masks through the established ordering process.	<p>8. LRSD will inform staff, students, families, and visitors to LRSD facilities of current public health guidance, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. While masks are no longer required to be worn in indoor public spaces in Manitoba, including schools, they are recommended in some situations, and individuals may choose to wear a mask based on their personal risk assessment or preference. Mask Recommendations: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/resources/masks.htmlb. If staff and students choose to wear masks, they are encouraged to bring their own masks. A limited supply of masks will be made available in all schools and facilities, while supplies are provided by MEECL. Schools may request additional masks through the Purchasing Department.
<p>Isolation Recommendations</p> <p>Isolation for COVID-19 is still <u>advised</u> in the following situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People with symptoms should stay home and isolate for five days (no matter their vaccination status) after symptom onset 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 five days from the date of the test.	<p>9. LRSD will closely monitor public health guidance, adapt practices as required, and inform staff, students and families of any changes.</p> <p>10. LRSD has developed an infographic on what you should do if your child or a member of your household is sick.</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individuals should wear a well-fitting, well-made mask if they must have contact with other people while ill or when their isolation is finished for 10 days after the onset of symptoms or test date if asymptomatic. <p>Close contacts of COVID-19 cases (including members of the household) are not required to self-isolate if they do not have symptoms.</p>	
Rapid Antigen Tests <p>Rapid antigen test kits are currently available free of charge for people at many locations across the province. Schools and school divisions may maintain a supply of rapid antigen tests for distribution to staff, students, and members of their school communities for use if they develop symptoms. Tests are available through the established ordering process.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. LRSD will make rapid antigen tests available to staff, students, and families, while supplies last. Requests may be made to the school secretary.
Contact Tracing and Notification <p>Contact tracing is no longer routinely recommended by public health officials. Close contacts of COVID-19 cases are not required to self-isolate (quarantine) if they do not have symptoms.</p> <p>All students and staff are expected to monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or member of the staff develops symptoms, they are advised to isolate (stay home); not attend school, child care, or work; and follow public health guidance for isolation at https://manitoba.ca/covid19/info-formbs.html.</p> <p>Schools are no longer expected to issue community notification letters at this time. In</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">12. LRSD will engage in contact tracing and community notification only when directed to do so by public health officials.13. LRSD has developed an infographic on what you should do if your child or a member of your household is sick.14. LRSD will continually update Safe Work Procedures to ensure that they align with current public health guidance.15. For the start of the 2022-2023 school year, the Student and Staff Reported Absence Dashboards will allow the public to view the number of self-reported COVID-related student and staff absences for the division as a whole.



<p>the event that there is concern about an outbreak (COVID-19 or non-COVID-19), schools can contact local public health to obtain additional guidance. There may be exceptional circumstances where public health composes a letter and recommends distributing it to the school community.</p>	
<p>Remote Learning: Public Health Perspective</p> <p>Remote learning is a measure of last resort and is not anticipated to be recommended by public health for ongoing COVID-19 management, unless exceptional circumstances arise.</p> <p>However, during periods of increased respiratory disease activity, absenteeism may be high, including amongst staff, that may create operational challenges. Schools should have plans in place to address this scenario.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">16. School principals will arrange professional development for any teacher unfamiliar with practices related to remote learning.17. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate information and communication technology skills into regular classroom practice so that students can shift to remote learning more easily, in the unlikely event it is required.