

February 18, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

Re: Information Bulletin

The District appreciates everyone continuing to work together in this changing pandemic. We are all beginning to see some restrictions lifted in our province which is very promising. The District is experiencing a positive trend in our student and staff absences. Our student absence rates across schools have returned to levels in line with our historical averages. Staff absence rates are in line with what we would typically see at this time of year. I am grateful to staff for working as a team to help keep our schools open.

As announced by the province earlier this week, the Ministry of Education and the Provincial Health Office will be reviewing K-12 guidelines in schools. As of this evening, the health and safety guidelines which were shared in the [Addendum – Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#) will be rescinded. All schools will continue to follow health and safety measures which were in place prior to winter break, as outlined in the [Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#). Under the guidelines, visitors and hot lunch programs in schools can return with COVID-19 protocols in place. The information shared by the Ministry below provides some clarity regarding school gathering and events.

- For school gatherings and events that bring together multiple classes or other groupings of students (e.g., school assemblies, multiple classes doing a single activity) from the same school (but members of the school community beyond staff, students and necessary volunteers are not attending), there is not a specific capacity limit.
 - For school extracurricular and social gatherings and events that bring together members of the school community beyond staff, students and necessary volunteers (e.g., an arts club performance, community fair), or that occur between schools (e.g., a music festival, a sports game or tournament), indoor capacity should not exceed 50 people or 50% of operating capacity (whichever is greater).
- For indoor spaces without a defined operating capacity, schools should determine a capacity limit that is at most half the number of individuals that would be within the space for that activity or event if prevention measures weren't in place.
- Spectators (e.g., parents, caregivers, peers), may be present for gatherings and events (e.g., attend performance club theatre productions, inter-school sports games and tournaments, etc.) within capacity limits.
- Schools should not implement proof of vaccination requirements for school-led gatherings and events.

As announced by the Ministry, school districts will also be receiving rapid antigen tests to share with students. We expect to share more information with families once they are received and a plan for distribution is in place. We hope this tool in addition to all our existing guidelines will keep our community healthy and safe.

Thank you for doing your part in following guidelines and helping keep our community healthy and safe. Let us continue to support each other as we transition to changes and keep student learning at the forefront.

Sincerely,



Mal Gill
Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

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Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.