



November 29, 2020

Dear Living Sky School Division Families:

We hope you are doing well and staying safe.

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise both provincially and locally, we have decided to initiate some changes to safety measures in our school division.

With guidance from our partners in Health, Living Sky School Division has put the following protocols into place:

1. All extracurricular activities will be on pause until further notice. Virtual extracurricular activities/meetings can continue.
2. Mask Use
 - Masks are now mandatory for all students from **PreK-Grade 12**. This means that masks must be worn on buses, upon entry to and exit from the school, while in classrooms, hallways and common areas.
 - Structured mask breaks may occur at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Students should not assume that masks can automatically come off when forward facing.
 - Masks must be worn during physical education classes.
 - During outdoor recess breaks, masks may be removed as long as students maintain appropriate physical distancing during their play.
3. If schools are using public spaces such as ice arenas, public health guidelines must be followed. This means that just eight participants can attend at once.
4. Access to schools will continue to be restricted until further notice. If, in extenuating circumstances, parents or visitors must enter the school, they will be required to follow all protocols currently in place, including signing in, sanitizing hands upon entry and wearing a mask.

All new protocols will be in effect on Monday, November 30th.

Living Sky School Division provided two reusable masks for each student at the beginning of the school year. Disposable masks are also available at the school. We recommend that families purchase additional masks.

We want to assure our stakeholders that we are basing our decision-making on the recommendations of healthcare officials with the training, knowledge, and expertise required to manage health concerns.

Further updates will be provided when necessary. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this together.

Sincerely,

Brenda Vickers, Director of Education

Ronna Pethick, Board Chair