



North East School Division

Safe School Planning Document

September 17, 2021

This plan may evolve as required by emerging health risk assessments.

The Saskatchewan government and the Saskatchewan Health Authority have provided guidance to school divisions to support the resumption of regular classes and extra-curricular activities in the 2021-2022 school year.

The North East School Division will continue to work with public health officials and the local Medical Health Officer to ensure the safety of staff and students and to manage risks as necessary. This safe school plan may evolve as assessed by emerging health risk. Local community and whole school division operations may change as needed.

The NESD will promote a mask-friendly environment in response to the on-going pandemic. At this time cases are increasing in the province and masks are **required** for ALL students, staff and visitors, regardless of immunization status. Information on masks and their use and what qualifies as an indoor public space will be available at <http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/masks>.

Quick Reference Guidelines	
Safe Attendance	<p><i>Illness in Care</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, staff, families who are ill should stay home. • All staff and students must self-monitor for symptoms and use the online Government of Saskatchewan Online COVID-19 Self Assessment Tool • As per practice last year, designated spaces shall be assigned for those who may become ill during the day. <p><i>Communications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NESD will maintain up-to-date Safe School Plan on the website • Schools consistently communicate to families re: wellness check and illness in care protocols.
Safe Transportation	<p><i>Transportation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and disinfection of buses and fleet vehicles will remain in place and be standard practice. • Seating plans are to be logged for buses and 15 passenger vans. • Masks are required for students and staff in shared spaces such as a school bus or van.
Safe Access	<p><i>School-day Structure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prescribed school-day structure is required. However, additional measures may be implemented in the case of a school outbreak. • Local decisions can be made around staggered breaks, scheduling, lunch and recess supervision. • All visitors must sign in when entering the school. Masks are required for visitors in all indoor spaces.
Safe Facilities	<p><i>Facilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is required that students and staff wear masks in all indoor spaces such as classrooms, hallways, washrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and school buses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school-wide plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue. • Hand washing facilities will be operational (hot and cold running water) and appropriately stocked (soap and paper towel).
<p>Safe Classrooms</p>	<p>Hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of appropriate hand hygiene shall continue. <p>Physical Contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is prudent to maintain as much physical distancing as possible. • Seating plans shall be consistent and available if requested. <p>Masking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is required that all students, staff and visitors wear masks in common indoor spaces such as classrooms, hallways, washrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and school buses. • For outdoor activities such as recess or outdoor gym classes, there is no recommendation for students to mask. A mask friendly approach will be taken. <p>Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full Saskatchewan curriculum will be taught by teachers. • Contingency plans for remote learning must be in place in case of a need to isolate upon direction from Public Health.
<p>Safe Activities</p>	<p>Sports and Fitness Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required except for when actively engaged in athletic activity. • Masks are required for visitors and spectators when indoors. <p>Dance, Drama, Band, Choir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are required except for playing wind and brass instruments, when physical distancing is practiced. <p>Extra-Curricular Activities and Field Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff are required to observe mask requirements for public places and businesses while outside of the school. • Non-vaccinated students who are attending school under the conditions of a close contact isolation exemption are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. • Extracurricular activities may be cancelled during a period of time if a school outbreak occurs. <p>Nutrition Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resume regular activities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue good practice of controlling areas where children are preparing food and/or eating (seated, hand hygiene, cleaning, and sanitation of food surfaces, etc.).
<p>Other Items</p>	<p><i>Vaccinations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Saskatchewan Health Authority will offer school-targeted vaccination clinics like those offered at the end of the last school year. These clinics will enhance vaccine accessibility for those students or staff who have not been vaccinated, or fully vaccinated. As an additional measure to increase the reach of vaccinations, any individuals turning 12 in the current year are immediately eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. <p><i>Masking of unvaccinated students and staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is required that all students, staff and visitors wear masks in common indoor spaces such as classrooms hallways, washrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and school buses. Non-vaccinated students who attend school under the condition of the close contact isolation exemption are not allowed to participate in extracurricular and school activities outside of the instructional day. <p><i>Contact Tracing and Quarantining</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The collaboration between the Saskatchewan Health Authority and schools will continue and will reflect the needs of the school as required. Contact tracing will continue to occur, unvaccinated close contacts may be directed to self-isolate as deemed appropriate by public health. An exemption for students to attend school for in-person instruction will apply. <p><i>Contingency Planning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers must be prepared to move to blended or full-time remote delivery using Google Classroom in grades K-4 and Moodle courses in grades 5-12