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LLOYDMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

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Safe School Plan  
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# CURRENT UPDATES

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## September 15, 2021

A Public Health Order regarding mandatory isolation came into effect for the province of Saskatchewan. The Order allows fully vaccinated persons to be exempted from the requirement to self-isolate if they are a close contact and provides exceptions from self-isolation for school-aged children, to reduce the societal burden associated with parental or guardian absence from work and to ensure children can continue in-person learning.

This is what the order means for Lloydminster Public School Division:

1. Everyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must immediately self-isolate in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Order.
2. Everyone who is a close contact of an individual with COVID-19 must self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last exposure to the virus.
3. Everyone who becomes symptomatic while in self-isolation must call HealthLine at 811 and follow all HealthLine directives.

## Exemptions

### Staff and Students Who Are Fully Vaccinated:

1. Staff who are fully vaccinated at the time they become a close contact do not have to self-isolate and may attend work unless they develop symptoms. Staff are still required to follow all Division and school rules regarding safety, including wearing masks.
2. Students who have been fully vaccinated are not required to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms. They can come to classes, take school buses, and participate in extracurricular activities without restrictions. They will still be required to follow any Division and school rules regarding safety, including wearing masks.

### Students Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated:

- A student who is not fully vaccinated, and is a close contact of an individual with COVID-19 due to exposure, is exempt from self-isolation if:
  - The student does not have or display symptoms; and
  - The student wears a mask at all times while attending school. The mask may only be removed when the student is seated and eating or drinking.
- A student who is not fully vaccinated:
  - Must attend only the school they usually attend.
  - May attend classes and ride the bus while wearing a mask but may not participate in extracurricular activities
  - Must follow the provincial self-isolation directions outside of school hours.

# CURRENT UPDATES - CONT'D

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The exemption ceases if the student displays COVID-19 symptoms. At this point, the student must self-isolate, contact HealthLine at 811 and follow public health requirements.

To view the Order of September 15, 2021, please visit: [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca)

The school year has just begun, and unfortunately, COVID-19 is present in several of our communities.

Please remain vigilant. If children are sick, please keep them at home.

The health and safety of our students, families and employees remains our priority. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support. We will continue to update and inform you as more information becomes available.

## September 17, 2021

In accordance with provincial public health measures, masks will be required in all Lloydminster Public School Division's buildings.

## September 22, 2021

Face coverings are not required for the following individuals performing in a band or orchestra but only for the duration of the practice or performance. We are applying this for woodwind and brass instruments only. Bell covers are still required

# SAFE ATTENDANCE

Health officials continue to advise us all to self-monitor for symptoms and to stay home if we are feeling unwell.

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## Masking

- Masks must be worn by all staff and students Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 while in the schools unless they are eating or drinking. Students will be provided with mask breaks during the school day.
- Masks are not required for students actively engaged in physical activity
- Masks must be worn by all staff and students on all LPSD provided transportation.
- All visitors to LPSD schools must wear a mask

## Illness in Care

- Students and staff who are ill will be asked to stay home.
- Parents will be asked to pick up children who may become ill during the school day.
- Schools will:
  - Provide the student with a medical mask to wear while they wait.
  - Notify the parent or guardian to pick up the student immediately
  - Remain with the student until he/she is picked up
  - Once the student has left, staff in contact with the student should wash their hands thoroughly.
  - The area where the student was located is to be cleaned and disinfected.

## Communications

- Communications with families will primarily occur through school email and the EDSBY parent portal where available.
- When this is not possible, our staff will make every effort to contact families through other means.
- It is important that parents/caregivers provide/update their child/children's schools with accurate contact information.

# SAFE ATTENDANCE - CONT'D

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## Self Testing Pilot Program

- Saskatchewan is developing a rapid test self-administration pilot to gauge the demand and uptake for self-administered rapid tests for families who may wish to screen for COVID-19 on an ongoing basis.
- The pilot program would see rapid tests provided to families through their schools, along with instructional information on how to properly self-administer the rapid tests.
- Information regarding the rapid test self-administration pilot for families will soon be provided to school divisions for distribution to families
- It is anticipated that rapid tests for the pilot program will be allocated to areas of the province where COVID transmission is highest.
- While the recommendation to seek testing and stay home at the first sign of any symptoms will continue, the pilot rapid testing program is intended to gauge public uptake of the use of rapid tests as a self-administered asymptomatic screening tool.

# SAFE TRANSPORTATION

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## Transportation

- Additional cleaning and disinfection will remain in place and become standard practice. Disinfection will take place after morning and afternoon routes on all LPSD busses.
- Students will be required to register for bussing and be assigned a seat. Students are asked to sit only in this designated seat.
- All staff and students must wear a mask while on a school bus.

# SAFE ACCESS

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## School-Day Structure

- Schools will return to a traditional timetable structure.
- Schools will continue to maintain a sign-in/sign-out procedure for all non-school-based staff, visitors, and contractors.
- All visitors and contractors will be asked to complete a Covid-19 self-screen prior to entering an LPSD facility and wear a mask.

# SAFE FACILITIES

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## School-Day Structure

- Staff assumes the shared responsibility of assisting one another in maintaining healthy and safe workplaces.
- A school-wide plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue to be in place.
  - Cleaning and Disinfection Guidelines
- All schools will ensure handwashing facilities are operational and fully stocked with required cleaning products (soap and paper towels).

# SAFE CLASSROOMS

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## Hygiene

- Staff will promote appropriate hand hygiene at all times.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available in each classroom and the main entrance of all schools and school division buildings.

# SAFE CLASSROOMS - CONT'D

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## Physical Contact

- Although there are no guidelines for physical distancing for students and staff, schools will do their best to space students appropriately in classrooms and common areas.
- Schools will be asked to manage the size of indoor cohorts beyond core instruction.
- Directional markings will be installed in all schools to assist with traffic flow in hallways.

## Instruction

- Full Saskatchewan curriculum will be taught by teachers.
- The Provincial Education Interim Plan will provide the required guidance for this area.

## Assessment

- Provincial exams are optional for the 2021-22 school year.

# SAFE ACTIVITIES

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## Sports and Fitness Activities

- Resume regular activities under the guidance of the LPSD Return to School Plan.
- Masks are not required for students actively engaged in physical activity.

## Dance, Drama, Band, Choir

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# SAFE ACTIVITIES - CONT'D

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## Extra-Curricular Activities and Field Trips

- Resume regular activities under the guidance of the LPSD Return to School Plan.
- Individuals who are sick must stay home
- Spectators must wear a mask and view from designated areas for all indoor activities.
- Masks are not required for students actively engaged in physical activity.
- All team officials must wear a mask at all times for indoor activities.
- When travelling to another community, the coach/leader of a specific team or group must be aware of the community guidelines that must be followed upon entry. All teams/groups shall adhere to the guidelines that supersede (whether local or visiting guidelines).
- When travelling, all coaches must be aware of the local context of COVID-19 in the participating community. If large numbers are present, coaches/leaders must consult with their school administrator before attending the event.
- Masks are required while travelling to and from extra-curricular activities.
- There are currently no masking requirements when participating in outdoor activities; when possible, social distancing and masking of staff and students not on the field of play should be followed.

## Nutrition Programs

- Resume regular activities under the guidance of the LPSD Return to School Plan.
- Staff will promote best practices in areas where children are preparing food and/or eating (seated, hand hygiene, cleaning and sanitation of food surfaces, etc.)

# OTHER ITEMS

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## Vaccinations

- High community vaccine uptake is key to protecting children ineligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone turning 12 this year and all those who are older are currently eligible for vaccines.
- Staff are encouraged to avail themselves of all Ministry of Health recommended vaccinations.
- Staff are encouraged to discuss the efficacy of recommended vaccinations with their personal health care providers.
- The Saskatchewan Health Authority will offer school-based vaccination clinics similar to those offered toward the end of last school year. These clinics will enhance vaccine accessibility for students or staff who have not yet been vaccinated or only received one shot.

## Contact Tracing and Quarantining

- The collaboration between the Saskatchewan Health Authority and schools will continue and will reflect the needs of both Public Health and LPSD.
- Notifications from Public Health will be provided through the schools to:
- Staff and parents/guardians of students of an affected class/activity/bus, and
- Staff and parents/guardians of students in the entire schools
- A listing of all positive COVID-19 cases on a school-by-school basis will be available in the Covid Information Section of the LPSD website.

## Contingency Plan

- The ability to move smoothly from in-school learning to at-home learning as seamlessly as possible is critical.
- We will be ready to move from a return to normal to a more restricted model if circumstances warrant us taking this action.

# ABOUT COVID-19

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COVID-19 is a dangerous disease caused by a virus discovered in December 2019. It is very contagious and has quickly spread around the world.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to other respiratory illnesses, including the flu and common cold, and may include one or more of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite (difficulty feeding for children)
- Altered sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing