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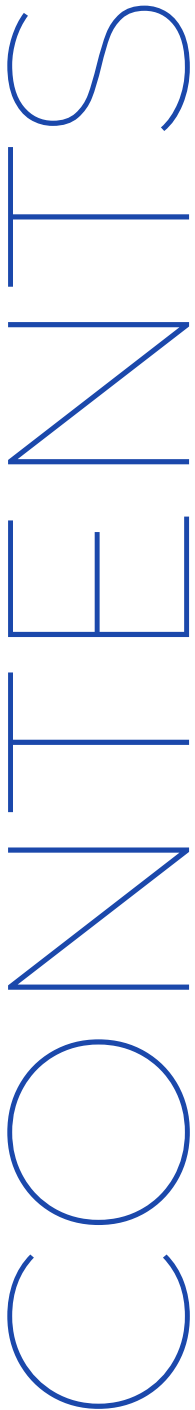
LLOYDMINSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

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# Safe School Plan 2021-22

Revised - February 8, 2022

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# CURRENT UPDATES

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## February 8, 2022

Premier Scott Moe updated the province on two changes that will have an impact on the operations of our school division. These changes are:

1. Effective February 14th, AP 445 Proof of Vaccination for Employees, Trustees, and Other Individuals will no longer be in place. We will not be requiring any employees to complete the testing as outlined in the AP moving forward.
2. Effective March 1st, individuals will no longer be required to wear a mask in our schools, other facilities, and on buses. As of March 1st, we will be promoting a "Mask Friendly" environment in all facilities and buses.

Details regarding this update can be found [here](#).

## January 27, 2022

A Public Health Order regarding mandatory isolation and close contact protocols came into effect for the province of Saskatchewan. The most current Public Health Order can be found [here](#).

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

1. All individuals who receive a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status.
2. Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate regardless of vaccination status.
3. Parents and caregivers are no longer required to notify schools about positive test results.
4. School administration will no longer be notifying families of positive test results in their schools.

# 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 - March 1, 2022

- Effective March 1, 2022 individuals will not be required to wear a mask in LPSD facilities or buses.
- LPSD will promote a "Mask Friendly" environment. This means we encourage the use of masks and will continue to provide masks to those who choose to wear them.

## Masking - Up To and Including February 28, 2022

- 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:
  - 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.

# SAFE ATTENDANCE - CONT'D

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## Communications

- Parents/Caregivers are not required to notify schools of positive COVID cases but should communicate with the school that their child will not be in attendance due to illness.
- We are continuing to monitor the absenteeism rate and would appreciate parents/caregivers letting the schools know if their child is away due to illness through EDSBY or a phone call

## Rapid Antigen Self Testing

- The Ministry has provided the Division with an abundance of rapid tests that are available for families and staff and encourage regular testing. Parents should contact the school if they need a supply of rapid tests.
- As per the Health Order, if a positive test result occurs that individual must self-isolate for 5 days and follow the Health Order direction on return to school.

# 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 until March 1, 2022.
- Effective March 1, 2022 individuals will not be required to wear a mask in LPSD facilities or buses.
- LPSD will promote a "Mask Friendly" environment. This means we encourage the use of masks and will continue to provide masks to those who choose to wear them.

# SAFE ACCESS

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## School-Day 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.
- Effective March 1, 2022 individuals will not be required to wear a mask in LPSD facilities or buses.
- LPSD will promote a "Mask Friendly" environment. This means we encourage the use of masks and will continue to provide masks to those who choose to wear them.

# SAFE FACILITIES

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- All facilities have an active OH&S committee that will routinely review this plan.
- Staff assumes the shared responsibility of assisting one another in maintaining healthy and safe workplaces.
- A division-wide plan for enhanced cleaning and disinfection will continue to be in place.
- Primary responsibility for caretaking in division facilities is disinfecting high contact surfaces.
- All facilities will ensure handwashing stations are operational and fully stocked with required cleaning products (soap and paper towels).
- Hand sanitizer and masks are available upon entry to the facility

# SAFE CLASSROOMS

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## Hygiene

- Staff will promote appropriate hand hygiene at all times.
- Hand sanitizer stations and disinfecting supplies will be available in each classroom and the main entrance of all schools.
- Staff will support caretakers to ensure the classroom is prepared to be disinfected and sanitized at the end of every day.

## 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.
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# 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 sports, fitness and outdoor activity including recess.

## Dance, Drama, Band, Choir

- Resume regular activities under the guidance of the LPSD Return to School Plan.
- Face coverings are not required for the following individuals:
  - 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 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.
- Effective March 1, 2022 individuals will not be required to wear a mask in LPSD facilities
- LPSD will promote a "Mask Friendly" environment. This means we encourage the use of masks and will continue to provide masks to those who choose to wear them.

## 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

- The Ministry continues to encourage vaccination to anyone 5 years old and above. Boosters are now available for children over 12 years old.
- Staff are encouraged to discuss the efficacy of recommended vaccinations with their personal health care providers.

## Contact Tracing and Quarantining

- Any individual who tests positive on a PCR or rapid antigen test must self isolate for 5 days regardless of vaccination status
- Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status
- Parents and caregivers are no longer required to contact the school about positive test results for the purposes of close contact notifications.
- The collaboration between the Saskatchewan Health Authority and schools will continue and will reflect the needs of both Public Health and LPSD.

## Contingency Plan

- We will be ready to move from regular in-class instruction to remote learning if circumstances if required or directed to.

# 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