



BORDER LAND

SCHOOL DIVISION

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To our BLSD Community

On August 23 we shared the BLSD RE-opening Plan with families. In that communication we indicated that BLSD continues to follow Manitoba Public Health Orders. On August 24 new Provincial Health Orders were announced and they have impacted a couple of items from our re-opening plan. The changes and updates are as follows.

Mandatory Masks

All students, staff, and visitors are required to wear masks at school and while on our buses. Schools and busses will be equipped with disposable masks for those in need. All mask exemption requests must be accompanied by a medical note. Forms for completion can be requested from your local school.

Resumption of Activities

Planning for the resumption of school-based activities is underway. Activities are permitted based on established processes and must follow public health guidelines. In BLSD this means cohorting to be maintained in K-6. Team practices can resume in Grades 7-12. Consideration of inter-school play is under review with guidance from Manitoba High School Athletic Association and other partners.

In School Vaccination Clinics

There has been information circulating around vaccinations for children in schools without parental consent. As indicated in our prior communication:

- Public Health officials have indicated that they may offer approved COVID-19 vaccines through the school-based immunization program. It is our understanding that parents/caregivers will receive advance notification, and student vaccination will require parental consent. We expect to learn additional information in the coming weeks and will continue share this information to parents/guardians.

We look forward to welcoming back our students next week. We are looking forward to hearing the excitement in the hallways and resuming school. We will continue to update our [webpage](#) as items shift and change throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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