



North East School Division

Safe School Planning Document

February 28, 2022

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

NESD Safe School Plan 2021-2022

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 masks are **recommended** for ALL students, staff and visitors, regardless of immunization status.

Quick Reference Guidelines	
Safe Attendance	<p>Illness in Care</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 NESD screening • Designated spaces shall be assigned for those who may become ill during the day and can be accommodated until a parent can take the child home. <p>Communications</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>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleaning and disinfection of buses and fleet vehicles will remain in place and be standard practice.
Safe Access	<p>School-day Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No prescribed school-day structure is required. • Local decisions can be made around staggered breaks, scheduling, and recess supervision. • All visitors must sign in when entering the school. A welcome station with hand sanitizer and masks will be visible in the main school entry.
Safe Facilities	<p>Facilities</p> <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).

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Safe Classrooms	<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">• There are no guidelines for physical distancing for students or staff, however it is prudent to maintain as much physical distancing as possible. <p>Masking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools will adopt a mask friendly approach in all settings. It is recommended that all students, staff and visitors wear masks in common spaces such as hallways, washrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and school buses. <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.
Safe Activities	<p>Sports and Fitness Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume regular activities. <p>Dance, Drama, Band, Choir</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume regular activities. <p>Extra-Curricular Activities and Field Trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume regular activities. <p>Nutrition Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resume regular activities.• Continue good practice of controlling areas where children are preparing food and/or eating (seated, hand hygiene, cleaning, and sanitation of food surfaces, etc.).

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Other Items	<p><i>Vaccinations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Saskatchewan Health Authority has resumed school based immunization programs• COVID-19 vaccination clinics will enhance vaccine accessibility for those students or staff who have not been vaccinated, or fully vaccinated.• Students 12 and older are eligible for the third/booster dose of the vaccine for COVID-19 <p><i>Reporting school cases of respiratory illness to public health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuant to <i>The Public Health Act, 1994</i> schools are required to report to a Medical Health Officer (MHO):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Any illness that is serious and is occurring at a high rate (Section 31.1); and○ When a teacher or principal of a school becomes aware that a pupil is infected with or is a carrier of a category 1 communicable disease (Section 32). <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
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