



Turtle River School Division

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March 1, 2022 Changes in Schools Update

February 28, 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers:

Beginning March 1, 2022, the Manitoba proof of vaccination requirements are being lifted in the province. This is how the changes will impact students and staff members in schools in our division:

- Proof of vaccination will no longer be required in public places as of March 1, 2022. For schools, this means that proof of vaccination will no longer be required for visitors to schools and it will no longer be required for adults (age 18+) to participate in a sport or extracurricular activity.
- Proof of vaccination will no longer be required for designated school staff as of March 1, 2022. Designated unvaccinated staff working in the education and child care sectors will no longer be required to undergo mandatory rapid antigen testing after February 28, 2022.

Rapid antigen testing is recommended for individuals if they have symptoms. Schools can provide Kindergarten to Grade 12 staff and students with access to rapid antigen tests for use when symptoms develop. Simply contact your school principal to request access to a Rapid Antigen test kit and make arrangements to get it to you when the time arises. Testing would be voluntary and would be recommended for students and staff if they develop symptoms.

Schools and child care centres remain in the Caution level (Yellow) on the Pandemic Response System (PRS) and will continue to implement measures as outlined at:

https://gov.mb.ca/asset_library/en/covid/mbprs_schools_yellow.pdf.

As things continue to evolve, I will keep you updated.

Yours Truly,

Bev Szymesko