

Turtle River School Division

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Schools Shifting to "Caution Yellow"

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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers:

On Friday, February 11, 2022, Public Health <u>announced</u> that Manitoba will be shifting to Caution (Yellow) on the Pandemic Response System beginning February 15, 2022. As we continue to mirror public health measures in the community, schools will also be moving from Restricted level (Orange) to Caution level (Yellow). As of <u>Tuesday, February 15, 2022</u>, here are the Public Health changes that will affect the schools in our division:

General Updates

- Cohorts in Grades K to 6 will continue for the time-being with physical distancing maintained at 2m.
- Masks are still required to be worn by students and staff members while indoors but will no longer be required during phys-ed and sports (while actively engaged in physical activity).
- Students do not have to wear masks while outdoors.
 The province is expected to remove mask requirements and ALL other COVID restricts as of March 15th
- All staff members are still mandated to provide proof of vaccination or regularly test every 48 hours. The province is expected to remove all vaccination requirements on March 1st.

Indoor Sports and Recreation Updates

- Tournaments are allowed.
- No capacity limit for spectators at sporting and recreational activities have been removed.
- Proof of vaccination/testing is no longer required for 12 to 17-year-olds for indoor and recreational sports.
- Proof of vaccination is still required for those 18 and over.
- Overnight camps are now permitted.

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

Sincerely,

Bev Szymesko