



BORDER LAND

SCHOOL DIVISION

January 6, 2022

To Our Border Land School Division Community,

On Tuesday January 4, the Manitoba Government announced a phased re-entry to school beginning with a period of remote learning from January 10-15, 2022. During this time, K-6 students whose parents are Critical Service Workers who are unable to make alternative arrangements, or K-12 children with additional needs may attend in person learning.

All extra-curricular events will be paused while remote learning occurs.

On January 17, 2022 all students will return to in person learning in BLSD. Schools will reopen to in person learning in the Pandemic Response Level of Orange. There have been changes to the Provincial Pandemic Response System. Opening in orange will look different than you may recall, so please read the [linked document](#) for all the detailed information regarding orange and red level planning in schools. Below is a summary of what you can expect when your child returns to in person learning January 17, 2022.

MASKING

All staff will be required to wear medical masks. Students are encouraged to wear a well-fitted mask, medical or a three-layered cloth mask. Mask breaks will be planned by the classroom teachers.

In orange, students must wear a mask in gym, even while participating in athletic activity.

RAPID TESTS FOR K-6 STUDENTS – Optional

Schools have a supply of rapid test kits for all students in K-6. If you have not already received a test kit, please contact your local school to make arrangements for pick up. These kits are to be used leading up to and returning to in person learning.

DISTANCING

Every effort will be made to distance students in classes at 2m. With all students in attendance, this will not occur in all spaces across BLSD. Masking, hand hygiene, and staying home when ill, will continue to be important layers in reducing the spread.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EVENTS

All activities will resume while in orange following the guidance from Public Health.

VACCINATION CLINICS

COVID-19 Vaccine clinics will continue to occur after school hours in BLSA.

Your local school will provide you with more information about the upcoming remote learning period.

In person learning remains a priority for Border Land School Division. As we work through the Omicron Wave of the Pandemic, we recognize that higher transmission rates are occurring. This may result in higher levels of absenteeism in students and staff. Please continue to follow the guidance provided from public health and please continue to contact your local school if your child is ill and cannot attend classes. If there are operational concerns that arise, such as staff shortages that impact bussing or in person learning, we will work to advise families as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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