



BORDER LAND

SCHOOL DIVISION

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To Our BLSD Community:

With the change in direction from Manitoba Public Health regarding case and contact management that letters are no longer provided to families each time a case is reported, we wanted to provide you with a divisional picture since our return to school in January. Future communication will be based on excused absences due to illness or for COVID-19 related reasons and the number of reported positive COVID-19 cases that have been reported by staff and families. This reporting is as accurate as the information being called into our schools by our families.

We returned to full in person learning Monday, January 17. Since that day, we have had 39 reported COVID-19 cases in staff and students across the division. For context, we have approximately 2,200 students and 450 staff members in Border Land School Division.

If your child(ren)'s school has increased absenteeism due to illness or COVID-19 related reasons, you will receive a letter directly from the school. Currently, we are not seeing higher than normal absenteeism rates. A range of 0-12% of students being away is being reported across our BLSD schools. If you have not or do not receive a letter from your school, absenteeism rates are not higher than usual.

We thank you for continuing to keep children home who are ill, using the screening tool, testing for COVID-19 when symptoms appear, reporting positive cases and illness to the school and always following the public health fundamentals.

As a division, we will continue to keep you updated on positive COVID-19 reporting and, as previously indicated, we will continue to monitor and report school-based absences.

Thank you,

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