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Dear ISD Families,

As Manitoba’s response to COVID-19 evolves, the ISD Team continues to adapt. This letter aims to provide common messaging for families about key upcoming changes to school operations for students, staff, and visitors.

In addition to an overall shift toward daily practices that more closely resemble life at school prior to COVID-19, the following applies to all ISD schools as of Tuesday, March 15:

- **Mask Guidance:** Masks will no longer be required in indoor places including schools, school buses, and child care facilities. Mask use remains strongly recommended by public health and anyone can choose to continue to wear masks, based on their individual risk and personal preference. ISD will provide disposable masks for students, staff, and visitors as needed.
- **Physical Distancing & Cohorting of Students:** These measures will no longer be required and schools will begin to remove these measures in ways that make sense within their existing day-to-day operations, student timetables, and staffing arrangements.
- **Rapid Test Kit Distribution in K-12 Schools:** Schools can provide K-12 students and staff with access to rapid test kits for use at home when symptoms develop. Testing is voluntary and test kits will only be distributed to children following parental approval.

Further information on Manitoba’s COVID-19 education plan is accessible on the [Restoring Safe Schools](#) website, which is updated regularly to reflect current public health guidance for schools. If you have specific questions about your child’s school, please reach out to them directly. And, to provide general feedback to ISD, please feel welcome to email us at: [isd@isd21.mb.ca](mailto:isd@isd21.mb.ca)

Sincerely,

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