



RED RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DIVISION DIVISION SCOLAIRE VALLÉE de la RIVIÈRE-ROUGE

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Time: 2:00 p.m.

To: RRVSD Community
From: Brad Curtis, Superintendent & CEO
Re: COVID-19 UPDATE #17

All resources and further updates for the RRVSD Community will be posted on our website: www.rrvsd.ca

New Restricted measures (Orange) for the Winnipeg Metro Region were announced yesterday. The Winnipeg Metro Region affects the following schools within the Red River Valley School Division: Oak Bluff Community School, Starbuck School, Sanford Collegiate, J.A. Cuddy School, Peace Valley Colony School, Vermillion Colony School. All other schools in the Red River Valley School Division will remain unchanged at response level yellow.

Effective Monday, October 26, 2020, the following new measures will be implemented for schools under the Restricted level (Orange):

1. **Two metres of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, excess furniture removed, repurposed other spaces into classroom spaces:** Staff at RRVSD have been actively configuring new classroom spaces in order to meet this measure to the greatest extent possible.
2. **Extracurricular activities only permitted if public health safety guidelines are met:** This measure was in place for the RRVSD Yellow Level plan, and will continue to be in place.
3. **Teachers and staff moving across cohorts require medical-grade disposable masks:** RRVSD has the appropriate PPE in place, and the schools will have a supply of medical-grade masks to meet this measure.
4. **Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are not permitted:** This measure was in place for the RRVSD Yellow Level plan, and will continue to be in place.
5. **All field trips must be postponed or cancelled:** This measure was in place for the RRVSD Yellow Level plan, and will continue to be in place.
6. **Blended learning (in-class and online) for Grades 9-12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue status quo:** The blended learning model for students at Sanford Collegiate will continue to meet this measure.
7. **K-8 Students may be offered a temporary remote learning option for the duration of the Restricted level (Orange):** With all public health requirements in place throughout the division, and the collective commitment of RRVSD staff to ensuring our learning spaces are as safe as possible, we will continue to focus on in-class learning for all of our K-8 students. If a student or a member of their household has a medical condition that has been identified by a physician preventing them from attending in-class learning, we encourage the parent or guardian to get in touch with their school principal to discuss an alternative option.

It is important to note that there has been minimal school-level transmission among the K-12 schools with confirmed cases. Cohorts and other public health measures have been effective in mitigating the risk of transmission and informing contact tracing. We will continue to implement these measures to the greatest extent possible.

School specific information will be coming this afternoon from your local school administration.

That each of us will be life long learners