

December 11, 2020

Dear ASD-S Families,

UPDATE: Saint John (Zone 2) Health Region

Re: Return to Yellow phase

On Friday, the Saint John Health region, which covers all of ASD-S, returned to the Yellow phase of recovery. For our staff and students, this means a lessening of the face mask requirements.

Our Yellow phase requirements are now in place, as follows:

- Students should have 2 clean masks with them every day
- Students in K-5 should wear masks in common areas when they are outside of their class bubbles inside the building (e.g. going to the washroom, visiting the resource teacher, going to the gym or playground, etc.)
- Students in grades 6-12 must use masks in common areas outside of their classes, such as in the hallways, lockers, lobbies, and stairwells.
- Students should also have masks on as they approach and board the school buses.
- Students in grades 6-12 will need to wear masks on the buses.
- Students in grades 9-12 will practice physical distancing inside and outside of the school, keeping 1 metre apart in the classroom and 2 metres apart elsewhere.

We wish to remind families that the provincial COVID-19 response continues to change and evolve. We are committed to the health and safety of our staff and students and will keep our ASD-S families up-to-date with any new information we receive. Families can also check the [GNB website](#) for the latest COVID-19 information.

Although we have returned to a lessening of restrictions, it is still important that we remind our students about frequent hand washing/sanitizing; proper cough/sneeze etiquette; physical distancing; and monitoring for symptoms. If you or your child has symptoms, you can visit [this site](#) to do a self-assessment and book a COVID-19 test.

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to follow the safety guidelines provided to us by Public Health and EECD.

Zoë Watson,

Superintendent