

February 18, 2022

Dear ASD-S Families,

Tonight at midnight the province of New Brunswick will move to Level 1 of the Winter Plan. With this move, the [Healthy and Safe School Guidelines](#) have also been updated and there are several important updates to the plan.

- Families are still asked to monitor their child daily for symptoms, however Public Health has updated whether individuals need to isolate and test for COVID-19.
 - Students and staff with **one** of the following symptoms should isolate and get tested for COVID-19: fever; loss of sense of taste; or loss of sense of smell.
 - Students and staff with **two or more** of the following symptoms should isolate and get tested for COVID-19: a new cough or worsening chronic cough; difficulty breathing; runny nose; sore throat; headache; diarrhea; new onset of fatigue; or purple markings on fingers or toes of children.

Please note, students are not required to show proof of their negative tests to the school.

- Unvaccinated students who test positive will be required to isolate for 10 days before returning to school, or 5 days for fully vaccinated staff and students. Students and staff members are also required to isolate if a household member tests positive.

Staff and students are considered fully vaccinated 14 days after their second dose of vaccine.

If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 while they are isolating, their isolation period will start over. The isolation period of other household members **is not extended** unless they also test positive for COVID-19.

- Fully vaccinated students who test positive **must wait 5 days** following their isolation before participating in any extracurricular or intramural activities.

Under level 1 in the Winter Plan, **masking requirements have not changed**. We encourage all students to bring at least two well-fitted, three-layer masks to school each day as per Public Health guidance.

I'd like to thank you, our staff, and our students for your continued patience as we work through this changing pandemic. The move to Level 1 is a positive step towards a lessening of restrictions, and we are pleased to again have the opportunity for activities such as field trips, dances, and in-person assemblies.

For more information about vaccines, testing, and isolation, please refer to these GNB websites:

- [Information about COVID-19 vaccines](#) (including booking first, second or booster doses)
- [Information on getting tested](#) (PCR or rapid tests)
- [Information and guidelines on isolation](#)

Sincerely,

Zoë Watson,
Superintendent