

Dear ASD-S Families,

If your child has travelled to the Moncton or Campbellton Health Regions over the long weekend, please read the following.

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has risen in certain areas of our province, Public Health and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) have updated their safety measures and guidelines for schools.

Moncton and Campbellton Health Regions have returned to the Orange level under the province's COVID-19 recovery plan because of confirmed COVID-19 cases. At this time, ASD-S remains at the Yellow level and our safety measures *have not* changed, *however* Public Health has provided safety guidance for people in our region who have travelled to the Moncton (Zone 1) or Campbellton (Zone 5) regions, or who live in those areas and work in ASD-S, as follows:

- Individuals who have travelled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions since October 9th, must wear a mask inside our schools and classrooms, outside the school at noon/recess, and while on the bus for a period of 14 days from the day they returned to our region.
 - Students in kindergarten through Grade 8 will now be required to wear a mask throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors, except when they are working quietly at their desk, engaged in physical activity, eating/drinking.
 - Students in grades 9 to 12 will be required to wear masks throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors, unless they are eating/drinking or engaged in physical activity.
 - Students of all ages and grades are required to wear masks at all times on the school bus, even if they are sitting alone or with a family member.
- If a student or staff member lives in a house where others travelled to the Moncton or Campbellton regions, they do not need to follow these requirements. These new measures apply only to the individuals who have travelled.

Public Health has stated there should be no non-essential travel to these areas and anyone who travels to these areas will need to follow the elevated mask use, as outlined above, for 14 days upon their return.

Please see the [GNB website](#) for the latest and most up-to-date COVID-19 information. We ask all families to continue reminding students about the importance of hand washing/sanitizing; practicing good cough/sneeze etiquette; staying home and calling 811 if they are ill; physical distancing; wearing a clean face mask; and monitoring for symptoms.

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