

Healthy and Safe Schools – School Winter Plan Grades 9-12



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The following is the School Winter Plan 2022 for Grades 9-12 students and school personnel in New Brunswick public schools. Throughout the winter months, the province may be experiencing high number of COVID-19 cases and an increase in transmission, schools may be directed by Public Health to move in and out of the alert levels.

If students or school personnel have a fever (or signs of fever) or loss of sense of taste or smell, they will not be permitted to attend school until they have a negative COVID-19 test. This test can be either a PCR test or a rapid point-of care-test (POCT). As stand-alone symptoms, elevated body temperature and loss of taste or smell are more specific early indicators for COVID-19, and other highly infectious illnesses.

If students or school personnel have two or more of the following symptoms, they will not be permitted to attend school until they have a negative COVID-19 test a new cough or worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, runny nose, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, new onset of fatigue, or purple markings on children’s fingers or toes. Having one of these more general symptoms is worth watching; however, having two or more COVID-like symptoms meets the threshold for isolation and testing.

Students are encouraged to bring at least two well-fitted, three-layer masks to school each and ever day as per Public Health guidance.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Learning	All students are learning at school.	Same as Level 1	All students are learning at school unless otherwise directed by Public Health.
Masks	Masks are required for all student and school personnel inside and outside of the school. Masks may only be removed when seated for eating and drinking.	Same as Level 1	Same as Level 1
Screening at Home	Students and school personnel will screen for symptoms at home every day. If students or school personnel have a fever (or signs of fever) or	Same as Level 1 All student and school personnel may be required to undergo regular testing (rapid POCT) at	Same as Level 2

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	<p>loss of sense of taste or smell, they will not be permitted to attend school until they have a negative COVID-19 test.</p> <p>If students or school personnel have two or more of the following symptoms, they will not be permitted to attend school until they have a negative COVID-19 test: a new cough or worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, runny nose, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, new onset of fatigue, or purple markings on children’s fingers or toes.</p>	<p>home as directed by Public Health.</p>	
<p>Isolation</p>	<p>Students and school personnel who test positive and are <u>not vaccinated</u> will be required to isolate for 10 days before returning to school.</p> <p>Students and school personnel who test positive and are <u>vaccinated</u> will be required to isolate for five (5) days before returning to school.</p> <p>If a household member of a student or school personnel tests positive, the student or school personnel will not be permitted to attend school for 5-10 days depending on their vaccination status.</p> <p>If a student or a school personnel tests positive for COVID-19 while they are isolating, their isolation</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>

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	<p>will star over according to their vaccination status. The isolation period of other household contacts is not extended unless they also test positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>Vaccinated students who test positive and have completed an isolation period of five (5) days must wait 10 days before participating in any extracurricular or intramural activities.</p>		
Handwashing and Sanitizing	<p>Proper handwashing and sanitization is required for all students before and after meals and after using the washroom.</p> <p>School personnel will monitor students to ensure that they are washing and sanitizing their hands correctly.</p> <p>Signs will be posted throughout the school to remind everyone to properly wash and sanitize their hands.</p>	Same as Level 1	Same as Level 1
Cleaning and Disinfecting	<p>Cleaning and disinfecting guidelines will continue as outlined in the Safe and Healthy Schools document.</p>	Same as Level 1	Same as Level 1 Sharing of materials and equipment will not be permitted.
Physical Education	<p>Physical education classes will be taught outdoors whenever weather permits. If taught indoors, students and school personnel are required to wear a mask.</p>	Same as Level 1 If indoors, physically distanced skills and drills within a class.	Same as Level 2 Shared materials will not be permitted (balls, rackets, etc.).

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		Contact and team sports activities are not permitted.	Low intensity activities are required when physical education is indoors.
Music Education	<p>Music education classes will be taught outdoors whenever weather permits. If taught indoors, students and school personnel are required to wear a mask.</p> <p>Students and school personnel may remove their masks ONLY when playing wind instruments.</p> <p>Students will maintain a physical distancing of four (4) metres (including instrument) when using a wind instrument.</p> <p>If using a wind instrument that is covered with an instrument mask, the physical distancing can be reduced to two (2) metres.</p> <p>If physical distancing cannot be maintained, wind instruments will not be permitted.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p> <p>The use of wind instruments is not permitted.</p>	Same as Level 2
Itinerant Teacher and Supply Teachers	<p>Itinerant teachers and supply teachers will be required to wear a mask. Masks may only be removed when seated for eating and drinking.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p> <p>When possible, itinerant teachers and supply teachers are required to maintain a two (2) metres physical distancing from students in a class.</p>	Same as Level 2
Parents	<p>Meetings with parents should occur virtually wherever possible,</p>	Same as level 1	Same as level 1

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	<p>with in-person meetings for essential purposes only.</p> <p>For all in-person meetings, parents will require an appointment before entering and a mask must be worn at all times.</p>		
<p>Visitors (includes contractors, professionals as well as visiting artists, post-secondary representatives or job fairs)</p>	<p>Visitors must provide proof of vaccination before entering the school building.</p> <p>Contractors will follow the “GNB COVID-19 Vaccination Policy Requirements for Contractors, Sub-contractors, Vendors, Suppliers” for proof of vaccination.</p> <p>Visitors will require an appointment before entering and a mask is required.</p> <p>Visitors will maintain physical distancing of two (2) metres from students at all time.</p>	<p>Visitors are not permitted in the school building unless identified as essential.</p>	<p>Same as level 2</p>
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>Transportation will continue as per the guidelines in the Safe and Healthy School document.</p> <p>When possible, students are encouraged to sit in the same seats and with the same students.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>	<p>Same as Level 1.</p>
<p>Assemblies (groups of students in the same indoor space; this</p>	<p>Assemblies during school hours will be permitted</p> <p>Masks are required.</p> <p>Everyone must remain seated.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p> <p>Assemblies will be permitted with 50% capacity.</p>	<p>Assemblies will not be permitted.</p>

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<p>does not include sitting to eat in the cafeteria)</p>			
<p>Concerts and festivals (Christmas concerts, performances, cultural concert, music festivals, etc.)</p>	<p>Concerts and festivals during school hours are permitted. It is highly recommended that these events are organized virtually.</p> <p>Proof of vaccination will be required for all parents and visitors.</p> <p>Masks are required for all students, parents and visitors.</p> <p>Physical distancing of four (4) metres between all parents/visitors and students is required.</p> <p>Everyone must remain seated.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p> <p>Concerts and festivals events are permitted for individual performers only.</p> <p>Schools must follow the guidelines outlined in the Level 2 Sport, Music and Recreation Guidance.</p>	<p>Concerts and festivals are not permitted.</p>
<p>After-school events (Barbeques, family events dances, etc.)</p>	<p>After-school events that are not part of the curriculum are permitted.</p> <p>Proof of vaccination is required.</p> <p>Mask is required.</p> <p>The events will be required to follow all guidelines within the Mandatory Order and Public Health's Winter Action Plan. In cases of incompatibility between the plans, the Mandatory Order prevails.</p>	<p>Same as level 1 but with 50% capacity and physical distancing of two (2) metres.</p> <p>For example, no dances are allowed.</p>	<p>After-school events are not permitted.</p>
<p>Cafeterias</p>	<p>Cafeteria services may continue.</p> <p>Where possible, school schedules for lunch should be arranged so</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>	<p>Same as Level 2.</p>

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	<p>that less students and school personnel are in the cafeteria.</p> <p>Where sufficient distancing cannot be maintained, schools should explore using other school spaces for eating lunch wherever possible.</p>	A maximum capacity of 50% within a cafeteria is required.	
Field Trips	<p>Indoor and outdoor field trips are permitted.</p> <p>Students and school personnel must follow Mandatory Order.</p>	Field trips are not permitted.	Same as Level 2.
Student Support Committees (Gender and Sexuality Alliances, etc.)	<p>Student Support Committees are permitted.</p> <p>Masks are required.</p>	Same as Level 1.	Student Support Committees are not permitted.
School Committees/Clubs (student led committees, art club, chess club, etc.)	<p>School committees and clubs are permitted.</p> <p>Vaccinated students can participate or be involved in any form of school committees held indoor or outdoor.</p> <p>Vaccinated students who test positive and have completed an isolation period of five (5) days must wait 10 days before participating in any extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Masks are required.</p>	Same as Level 1.	School committees and clubs are not permitted.

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<p>Extracurricular and intramural sports activities</p>	<p>Students will be required to be vaccinated to participate or be involved in indoor and outdoor extracurricular and intramural sports activities.</p> <p>Unvaccinated students cannot participate or be involved in any form of indoor or outdoor extracurricular and intramural activities.</p> <p>Vaccinated students who test positive and have completed an isolation period of five (5) days must wait 10 days before participating in any extracurricular or intramural activities.</p> <p>Students and school personnel may remove their masks ONLY when participating in sport activities.</p>	<p>Same as level 1.</p> <p>Schools must follow the guidelines outlined in the Level 2 Sport, Music and Recreation Guidance.</p>	<p>Extracurricular and intramural sports activities are not permitted.</p>
<p>Choir, drama, band, improv club and extracurricular activities</p>	<p>All students will be required to be vaccinated to participate or be involved in any form of indoor or outdoor extracurricular activities</p> <p>Unvaccinated students cannot participate or be involved in any form of indoor or outdoor extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Vaccinated students who test positive and have completed an isolation period of five (5) days must wait 10 days before</p>	<p>Same as level 1.</p> <p>Concerts and festivals events are permitted for individual performers only.</p> <p>Schools must follow the guidelines outlined in the Level 2 Sport, Music and Recreation Guidance.</p>	<p>Extracurricular activities are not permitted.</p>

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	<p>participating in any extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Masks are required at all times except when using wind instruments</p> <p>Physical distancing is required.</p> <p>Students may use wind instruments. They will maintain physical distancing of four (4) metres (including instrument) when using a wind instrument.</p> <p>If using a wind instrument that is covered with an instrument mask, distancing can be reduced to two (2) metres.</p> <p>If physical distancing cannot be maintained, wind instruments will not be permitted.</p> <p>Music festivals, concerts or events are permitted.</p>		
Spectators	<p>Spectators are permitted outside school hours and will follow the guidelines in the Safe and Healthy School document and the Mandatory Order. This includes showing proof of vaccination.</p> <p>If the requirements in the Safe and Healthy School and the Mandatory Order are inconsistent, the Mandatory Order prevails.</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p> <p>Spectator capacity will be reduced to 50%.</p>	<p>Spectators are not permitted.</p>
Community Use of School	<p>Community Use of Schools will follow the guidelines in the Safe</p>	<p>Same as Level 1</p>	<p>Community Use of Schools will not be permitted.</p>

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