

Parent Update
January 18, 2022



Hello everyone, we just wanted to keep you up to date with new developments since our last letter on January 9th.

We did receive the majority of our provincial government shipment of rapid tests and additional masks for students late last week. While this allows every student an additional layer of safety, we want to be clear that the rapid tests and these particular masks are not being mandated. The intention is for each student to have two masks each day and take two rapid tests at home each week. Students and staff can continue wearing their choice of mask to comply with the mask mandate, though the new masks are said to offer better protection against the Omicron variant.

With the remainder of our shipment arriving shortly, we expect to complete the distribution of masks and rapid tests to all schools by the end of this week. The government has shared a rapid test kit fact sheet and how-to-video, which are both posted to the [COVID-19 page](#) on our website.

While we are seeing increasing levels of student and staff absences, we have not yet needed to move a class, a grade or a school online. That said, we are wanting to remind parents to be prepared for a temporary shift to online learning. These decisions will typically be communicated the day before, however, in some rare cases, we may be forced to communicate with very little notice at all.

Details on the current state of COVID-19 in Alberta are available on the [provincial government website](#).

Please ensure that your child is completing the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) prior to going to school. It is important that they remain at home if they are sick or symptomatic. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 and is fully vaccinated, they must isolate for five days. For up to five days following their isolation, all fully vaccinated individuals must wear masks upon their return to school. As per the Alberta Health Daily Checklist, if your child is unvaccinated, they must isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or until they resolve whichever is longer.

Thanks again for your patience as we make our way forward.

Yours truly,

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