

November 26, 2020

GSSD Parents/Guardians & Staff:

Preamble

This update to the Good Spirit School Division mask protocol is based on information announced by the Chief Medical Health Officer and Premier on November 25. The increased community transmission rates of COVID-19 are of great concern across the province and have resulted in further restrictions.

Continuing with students in cohorts, hand hygiene, cleaning and limited physical contact are critical elements of school safety in 2020-2021 regardless of mask protocol. Mask protocol represents a minimum expectation – visitors, staff and students may mask in other circumstances.

Protocol

Group	Mask Protocol
Grades PreK-12 Students	Masks are required in all classrooms and other learning spaces including gymnasiums, during indoor transitions (hallways, bathroom visits, etc.) and on the school bus. Teachers of PreK, Kindergarten & Grade 1 may choose to offer “mask breaks” when all present in the classroom are working independently at their desks if barriers are in place or if two metres of physical distancing can be maintained.
All Staff	Masks are required in all classrooms when students or other staff are present and during indoor transitions (hallways, bathroom visits, etc.).
Visitors to the School	Masks are required at all times upon entry to the school.
Outdoors	Masks are not required outdoors as long as 2 metres of distance can be maintained.
Day Cares / Before and After School Programs / Early Learning Programs	All employees, visitors and children must wear a mask if they are able to; ages 0-2 are exempt.
Hockey & Dance Academy	All on-ice Hockey Academy classes at Langenburg Central School, Macdonald School, Melville Comprehensive School and Yorkton Regional High School will be suspended until further notice. It is recommended that dry-land training be offered in a school gymnasium or outdoors to allow for the entire cohort to participate. All Dance Academy classes at Dr. Brass School must be offered within a school gymnasium to allow for the entire cohort to participate. If the Dance Academy must use a dance studio, they must abide by the 8 or fewer students in a group guideline.
Phys Ed	Masks are required during all indoor fitness activities.

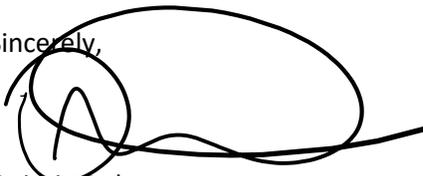
Exemptions

1. In circumstances where students of any age require additional support, PPE may be used at the discretion of the student support team planning for that student.
2. Students or staff with a medical condition that makes mask use inappropriate or unsafe may be exempt from this protocol with written permission from their doctor.
3. In the case of Practical and Applied Arts curricular spaces masks are required unless the use of a mask creates a safety hazard.

For additional information regarding the November 25 announcement, visit: [Saskatchewan.ca – COVID-19 Update: New Measures in Effect November 27](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid-19-update-new-measures-in-effect-november-27).

As always, I would like to thank you for your patience during this time. Wishing you all good health!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'Q' followed by a horizontal line that extends to the right and then loops back under the 'Q'.

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