

Manitoba K to 12 COVID-19 Response Planning Team
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, March 10, 2021
Teams Meeting

Item	Record of Discussion
Review of Minutes/Action Items	<p>Review of Minutes: No errors or omissions.</p> <p>Review of Action Tracker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Organization Structure – Will be distributed when ready. • Planning for Fall 2021 – Item is on the agenda to discuss. • Learning Forum – Item is on the agenda to discuss.
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Forum – EDU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on learning is a priority. The Department is exploring options including a Learning Forum in April. Following up on last week's discussion, today's purpose is to collect feedback on next steps. ○ Members discussed that a survey or direct contact with schools divisions and independent schools was the best way to proceed. It was felt that a Forum would not be beneficial. • Planning for Fall 2021 – Assumptions – EDU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Department is looking at the planning assumptions that were previously discussed and are investigating how to best prepare for the fall. ○ The plans need to be based on COVID-19 public health measures and this will depend on vaccine rollout and variants of concern. Documents are currently being reviewed and updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Restriction Levels – Schools for the fall should prepare for the Restriction level (Yellow). Plans should also be made ready for Restrictions Level (Orange and Red). ▪ Funding – The department has announced that any unspent funding will be allocated for the next year on a per-pupil basis. Remote Learning – Supports are being looked at. ▪ Assessment Strategies – Are being looked at, and will be communicated in a timely manner. ▪ Addition of Collaborative Planning Days – Department staff are looking at options. ▪ Sanitization procedures – Plan for the same level of sanitization as fall 2020. • Vaccination Priority – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff are wondering if teachers and education staff will be given priority for vaccinations prior to the start of school in the fall. The Vaccination Task Force is leading roll-out and is aware of sector-specific needs; should something change from the current age group priority then the field will be informed. • Future Communication – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Future meetings will be called to discuss specific items and have focussed conversations. ○ With the loosening of restrictions, there are questions/concerns being raised. Clarity regarding some of these changes is needed, updates will be provided. RPT members were encouraged to contact the COVID Response Unit regarding questions/concerns.
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Be Announced