

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

Item	Record of Discussion
<b>Review of Minutes/Action Items</b>	<p><b>Review of Minutes:</b> No errors or omissions.</p> <p><b>Review of Action Tracker:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Organization Structure – Item is on the agenda to discuss.</li> <li>• Planning for Fall 2021 – Item is on the agenda to discuss.</li> <li>• Definition of Home Schooling – <i>The term homeschooling is used when parents choose to be responsible for their child’s education and not have their child attend a public or independent school, whether in person or remotely. When parents choose to homeschool their child, they are responsible for obtaining resources and materials and providing the educational programming. Parents who choose to homeschool their children must notify the Homeschooling Office of Manitoba Education of their intent by completing and signing a Student Notification Form for each child.</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Students who are learning at home whether it is part-time, full-time remote or asynchronous, and registered in and receiving instruction from a teacher in a school division, school and/or provincial delivery structure (TMO, InformNet, Manitoba Remote Learning Support Centre, etc.) are not considered to be homeschool students.</i></p>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance Data Collection – EDU – Timed Item, 1:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The data to be collected will focus on the school plan and not looking specifically at attendance data. It will be about where the school intended for the cohort to be. Information will be provided on a monthly basis.</li> <li>○ This data will be able to answer how many students are in-class learning or remotely at any given time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• s. 23</li> </ul> <p>• Public Health Update on COVID-19 Variants of Concern – EDU</p>

Yesterday, Manitoba Education sent out the link to the Manitoba Education COVID-19 Bulletin #8: Updated Guidance on Close Contacts and Self-Isolation Requirements, and COVID-19 Variants of Concern (English and French):

o [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/schools/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/schools/index.html) (English)

o [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/ecoles/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/ecoles/index.html) (French)

This bulletin replaces Bulletin #2 from November 16, 2020, and provides updated guidance on close contacts and self-isolation requirements. It also provides an overview of this guidance as well as information from public health officials on variants of COVID-19.

- o Concern was raised that Public Health nurses are giving contradictory information to families. Hopefully, information being shared with families will become more consistent. Also, Principals are having to tell households that they must isolate. Could this task be given to Public Health because they have more authority than a School Principal in public health matters?
  - o A session is being planned with Dr. Atwal, and these concerns can be addressed there.
- **Organizational Chart–**
  - o The organizational chart is being finalized and will be shared as soon as it is ready.
  - o It was asked that if there have been changes in the name, structures or roles that descriptions be provided.
- **Spring Convocations –**
  - o It is assumed that the guidelines provided for last year’s convocations are still applicable.
  - o Last year’s document is being revised to reflect current public health measures and variants of concern. The intent is to release the revised document shortly.
- **Plans for Fall 2021 – Framework for Opening –**
  - o Assuming that School Divisions and Independent Schools will be following most of the guidelines from last fall, should any significant changes be expected? Are there any other pieces of information to help with planning?

The planning assumptions discussed at an earlier meeting have been brought forward and teams are working on these items. Feedback should be provided shortly.
- **Remote Learning Centre Update –**
  - o Enrollment – As of Friday, February 26, 689 students are enrolled with 93 students being home school connectors.
  - o Monitoring – has been engaged to look at developing a logistics model. The plan is to survey those engaged in the Centre.
  - o Next Steps – 2021-2022 School Year – An interim structure needs to be looked at with regards to remote learning as well as planning for the future. Discussion with Stakeholders and Partners will be beginning. In order to have a future looking remote learning strategy, stakeholders will be a part of the conversation.
- **Update Regarding Resumption of Music Programming**
  - o The Department is looking into the possibility of reinstating the use of wind instruments and choir. The Department’s music consultants have submitted suggestion to public health officials and they are waiting on feedback.
  - o The guidelines will be shared once approved.

<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Session with Dr. Atwal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A session is being planned with Dr. Atwal for Educators on Thursday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m. The intent is to discuss the new Public Health measures in relation to the notification process and answer questions of concern.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RPT Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ With the province moving into a period of stability with regards to COVID-19. It is being recommended that the regular weekly meetings be paused. Meetings would be called on an as needed basis and to provide input into planning. The Mental Health Ad Hoc group would continue.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Future Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning Forum Feedback</li> <li>• Planning for Fall 2021 – Assumptions</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, March 10 , 2021, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</li> </ul>