

**Manitoba K to 12 COVID-19 Response Planning Team**

11:00 am – noon, September 9, 2020

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Item	Record of Discussion	Information Decision, Action
<p>1. Back to School Welcome</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Rhonda Shaw  <b>Participants:</b> Dana Rudy,    David Yeo, Sarah Whiteford, Nicole Thorkelson,  Dawn Wood, Megan Prydun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Successes or concerns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Positive overall, so far</li> <li>○ Some concerns around proper mask wearing and what schools should do if a student refuses to wear a mask and does not have a medical reason</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Communications and website updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rhonda provided an overview and indicated enhancement to mask guidelines forth coming</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>New parent-focused website  can be found at : <a href="https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html">https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/index.html</a></p>	<p>Information</p>
<p>2. Remote Learning Standard</p>	<p>Document was shared with group in advance of the meeting for final review before posting to the Department website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Document discussed, confirming intention for broad audience.</li> <li>○ One minor revision was made. Moved bullet on page 3 “Parents/caregivers must commit to supporting their child’s remote learning and be available to supervise the student learning (if applicable)” to page 1.</li> </ul>	<p>Decision</p>
<p>3. Public Health Guidance</p>	<p>a) Medical accommodation for remote learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No doctor’s note required.</li> </ul> <p>b) Mask guidance and further clarification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enhancement to mask guidelines forth coming.</li> </ul>	<p>Information</p>
<p>4. Updates and Discussion Items</p>	<p>a)</p> <p>b) Substitute teacher/staff strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ has worked to expedite criminal record and child abuse registry checks for new bus drivers and is leading the work to do the same for substitute teachers, it is progressing</li> <li>○ School divisions are posting recruitment adds and working with university faculties to entice more substitutes</li> <li>○ Teacher To</li> </ul>	<p>Information</p> <p>Information</p>

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	<p>c) Grade 12 Provincial Tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Decision to proceed or not will be made by the end of September.</li> <li>o If the tests proceed, the COVID context must be considered when moving forward with assessment and when/if testing data are published.</li> </ul> <p>d) Attendance reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Several groups working on attendance reporting, process for chronic absenteeism and funding related to school operating costs and enrolment.</li> </ul> <p>e) Critical services workers of K-6 students during Restricted (RED) PRS response level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Need to develop process for schools to respond to a red pandemic response level.</li> <li>o</li> </ul> <p>Priority access will be given to health care providers. Other critical service providers will be eligible and will be prioritized:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Corrections Workers</li> <li>2. Law Enforcement</li> <li>3. Fire and Paramedic Responders</li> <li>4. Direct Social Services and Child Protection Workers</li> <li>5. Emergency/Critical Service Providers</li> </ol> <p>Emergency/Critical Service Providers may include people who provide essential services to Manitobans such as gas station attendants, grocery store staff, and hospital/clinic support staff, such as cleaners. Manitoba is matching families of critical services workers to child care providers who have indicated they are remaining open.</p> <p>Education is working to add Kindergarten-to-Grade 12 Education Providers (teachers, administrators, and support staff) and child care workers to the above definition.</p>	<p><u>Action:</u> EDU will connect with to update and further collaborate on this work.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> EDU working group will present critical services workers proposal next week for discussion</p>
5. Stakeholder Updates		<p>Information</p> <p>Information to follow</p>
6. Weekly Meetings	Standing weekly meetings on Wednesday's at 1:30 pm, scheduled for 75 minutes.	Decision