



# North East School Division

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To: NESD Families

Re: Update to Safe School Mask Protocol

The North East School Division is mandating mask use to be **required** for all staff and for students in grades Pre-K -12 when in school and while being transported on a bus. The requirement to wear masks in all school settings will be effective as of Monday November 30, 2020.

These new masking policies from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer apply to all indoor locations, including where you are able to physically distance. This means that students and staff should be encouraged to keep masks on during all times of day, with the exception of when eating or drinking. This includes while doing physical activity, with the exception of aquatic fitness.

While the mandatory masking rules are intended for indoor public spaces, masking does remain recommended in all settings where two metres of physical distancing cannot be maintained. This may include recess or other outdoor activities.

The recent health order for sports, fitness and dance is applicable to team sports and competition, and is not applicable to school classes.

We all share the responsibility to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our safe school plans and protocols are an effective way to protect against the spread of the virus. Our schools and worksites continue to require students and staff to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19.

I sincerely thank students, staff and families of the North East School Division for their continued efforts to take steps to mitigate against the risks of this pandemic.

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