



February 9, 2022

Re: Government announcement

Dear Parents/Guardians

The recent announcement by the government of Alberta on health measures and masks indicates that as of Monday, February 14, masks will not be mandated in schools or on school buses. Your student may choose to wear a mask or not after this date. We will have some students choosing not to wear masks, and some choosing to wear masks, and either way it is expected that all of us respect that it will be an individual choice as to whether to wear a mask or not as of February 14, 2022.

All staff, bus drivers and any visitors who come into our schools must wear a mask.

The [COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) was updated on February 4, 2022. It is still required that all staff and students complete the daily checklist, stay home when ill and follow the guidelines.

If your child is positive for COVID-19, they are required to isolate as per [Public Health instructions](#). For more information on isolation requirements after a positive rapid test, refer to the [Rapid Testing at Home website](#). If you are positive with symptoms:

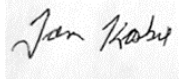
- [Isolate immediately:](#)
 - Fully vaccinated: 5 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer, plus 5 days of wearing a mask at all times when around others outside of home.
 - Not fully vaccinated: 10 days or until symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

We continue to navigate keeping our students in school learning. There have been classrooms across the division who have had to move to at home learning due to a lack of staff and substitutes available. Please continue to have your child stay home when sick.

This is a new announcement for all of us. As more information becomes available, we will communicate with you.

We appreciate all of your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Koskie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Tom Koskie
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