



MEDIA STATEMENT

For Immediate Release – September 16, 2021

Living Sky School Division and Light of Christ Catholic Schools Implement Mandatory Indoor Masking in Accordance with Public Health Measures

NORTH BATTLEFORD – September 16, 2021 - Living Sky School Division and Light of Christ Catholic Schools, in accordance with new provincial Public Health measures, will require masks to be worn by all students, staff, and visitors inside of our schools and division buildings effective September 17, 2021. The province cited that these measures are to 'address health care capacity pressures caused by rising case rates, primarily driven by the unvaccinated population.'

An exception for indoor masking will be given to those participating in extra-curricular sporting activities while they are actively playing. Masking will still be required at all other times while in the venue, on the bench, and required to be worn by all spectators. All other provisions outlined in the original Back to School Plans will stay in effect at this time. The plans can be found on each of the division websites.

The details of each school division's plan will continue to be reviewed on an ongoing basis and further updates may follow in the next few days. Revisions to the plan will be made considering advice from local health officials and data related to transmission risk, COVID-19 case rates, vaccine rates, and local epidemiological evidence.

Students and families are reminded to continue to be diligent by performing daily health screening, staying home if ill, calling the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practicing proper hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, wearing a mask when appropriate, and doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

Thank you for your continued support.

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