

February 24, 2022

Dear parent/guardian,

The Lester B. Pearson School Board was informed this week of a decision by the Quebec government regarding the easing of some public health measures.

Effective March 7, 2022, face masks will no longer be mandatory in classrooms for elementary and high school students. Similarly, elementary students attending daycare will not be obligated to wear masks while seated. However, we will continue to respect a student's choice to wear a mask while seated in class and at daycare should they choose to do so. We will instruct our elementary and secondary schools to permit mask wearing while not making it mandatory.

All elementary and secondary school students are still required to wear masks while in common areas and corridors of the school as well as during physical education classes, extracurricular activities and while riding the bus to and from school. Masks will continue to be distributed to students at school. Please note that the Quebec government has also decided that face masks will no longer be mandatory in the workplace for employees starting on February 28, 2022.

Still, adherence to all other public health guidelines, including proper hand hygiene and distancing, remains in effect so that we can continue to ensure a safe school experience for our entire community.

It is important that students do not report to school when feeling unwell, and we strongly encourage using the rapid tests provided to your child should they be showing symptoms. We thank you for continuing to monitor the state of your child's health and for your ongoing cooperation.

Also, students returning from a COVID-related isolation will be required to wear a mask at all times for the first five (calendar) days of their return.

We would like to also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a restful March break.

Sincerely,

Lester B. School Board Administration