



## Pandemic Response System Levels for K–12 Schools

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### K–12 Schools across the Province – Restricted Level (Orange)

#### All K–12 schools are in the Restricted level (Orange).

- Schools must ensure two metres of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, and adjust classroom space as necessary; excess furniture must be removed from classrooms to create additional space; other spaces within schools must be repurposed to accommodate more distancing (e.g., multipurpose rooms, shared spaces, common areas, and libraries). Where physical distancing is not possible, students must remain within cohorts.
- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if all learning and distancing requirements have been met. If these activities continue, established guidelines must be followed.
- School sports may be offered provided all applicable public health measures are followed. Schools may also continue to offer physical education, provided all public health measures are followed, including physical distancing. In addition, students in Grade 4 and higher must wear a mask while in the gym.
- Teachers and staff who move across cohorts of students, including substitute teachers, are required to wear medical masks. Medical-grade disposable masks have been issued to all schools. N95 masks are not required.
- Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are permitted if all applicable public health measures are followed as outlined in Bulletin #9: Music Practices within K to 12 Schools at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/schools/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/schools/index.html).
- All field trips must be postponed or cancelled.
- Blended learning (in-class and online) for Grades 9 to 12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue as per status quo.
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 students remain in full time in-class instruction. Families may be offered a remote learning option in accordance with *Kindergarten to Grade 8 Remote Learning Guidance* at [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/support/remote\\_learning\\_guidance.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/support/remote_learning_guidance.html).
- All other public health measures are still in effect.
- Manitoba Education and public health officials continue to monitor the situation closely and will continue to advise if additional measures are warranted.