

October 11, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Re: MODIFICATIONS TO HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS DURING ALERT LEVEL ORANGE

This is to inform you of changes to operational plans and health protocols for schools and early learning and childcare facilities when a region or the province is placed on an Orange Alert level. The Anglophone East School District is now in the Orange level.

Attached you will find the changes to the guidelines for schools and early learning and childcare facilities. This document accompanies the [Return to School: Direction for School Districts and Schools](#) as well as the [Guidance to Early Learning and Childcare Facilities and Summer Camps](#).

We understand that the nature of the situation can make you anxious. Children and young people look to the adults in their lives to guide them on how to react to worrying and stressful events. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about any anxieties and remind them to treat one another with kindness and respect, in person and on social media. Here is a [link](#) for more information on mental health. Your school can also support so please reach out if needed.

As a reminder, if your child is showing any symptoms of COVID-19, you should:

1. Register them online for a test by clicking "Get tested" on the GNB corona virus website (www.gnb.ca/coronavirus), or
2. Contact Tele-Care 811, or
3. Contact your primary care provider.

The 811 operators, your family doctor or your primary care provider will evaluate your child before sending them for testing.

We are aware that the nature of the situation is distressing and that is why we encourage a climate of compassion and understanding in our community so that together, we can get through this ordeal with understanding. As we have seen previously in NB the level will change once the number of cases declines and the risk of community spread lessens.

Let's continue to apply Public Health measures and ensure everyone's safety. If you have questions please email asdeinfo@nbed.nb.ca or call your school.

Sincerely,

Gregg Ingersoll

Superintendent

Changes in Directives for Early Learning and Childcare Facilities and Schools

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The following details the changes in directives that will take place in a school or in an early learning and childcare facility when a region or the province has been placed in an orange level. This document supplements the [Return to school: Direction for school districts and schools](#) as well as the [Guidance to Early Learning and Childcare Facilities and Summer Camps](#).

Travel between orange and yellow zones

Everyone travelling between Orange and Yellow zones must self monitor and wear a mask for 14 days and must follow directives in accordance with the Mandatory Order as if they were in the orange phase. This applies to travelling professionals, supply teachers, all school personnel and students, and all employees of early learning and childcare facilities/homes and all children attending early learning and childcare facilities and homes.

This only applies to the individual who has travelled and does not apply to other members of the same household. It is recommended that members of the household self monitor and get tested if they develop symptoms of COVID-19.

Early Learning and Childcare Homes

For children ages 2 and up in early learning and childcare homes, masks are only required at all times, including in common spaces and outdoors, when an after school aged child is present. Exceptions will be when they are eating, or during silent/nap time. Masks are also required during all pick-up and drop-offs regardless of the age of the child.

Early Learning and Childcare Facilities

Mask Use

- Children being transported to school by early learning and childcare facilities are required to wear a mask at all times while in the vehicle.
- For children ages 2 and up, masks are required in common areas. They are expected to bring two clean community masks with them every day.
- For after school programming, masks are required at all times, including within the classroom, in common spaces, and outdoors. Exceptions will be when they are sitting at a desk working silently, eating, or in play during sports activities.
- All children, over the age of 2, attending an early learning and childcare facility are expected to bring two clean community masks with them every day.

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- For all employees of early learning and childcare facilities, masks are required at all times when at the facility, except when they are eating **or is sitting alone in a closed office or class**. This includes when employees are outside.

Screening

Active screening for all children entering the facilities will be done. Active screening includes a questionnaire and temperature check.

Groupings

Changes in groupings are not permitted at all during an orange level.

Field trips

All field trips are cancelled.

Public Schools

Mask use

- All students in Grades K-12 are required to wear a mask on a school bus, even when sitting with a sibling or alone.
- For students in Grades 9-12, masks are required at all times when at school, except when they are eating **or in play during sports activities and during physical education class**. This includes when the students are outside.
- For students in Grades K-8, masks are required at all times when at school, except when they are sitting at a desk working silently, eating or **in play during sports activities and during physical education class**. This includes when the students are outside.
- **For all school personnel, masks are required at all times when at school, except when they are eating or is sitting alone in their closed office or classroom.**

Music and Physical Education

- Wind instruments and singing are not permitted in an Alert Level Orange.
- **Activities that are conducive to physical distancing, such as yoga, dancing and moderate walking, are recommended. It is also recommended that shared equipment not be made available for common use.**