The following details the changes in directives that will take place in a school or a 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.

**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.
- For all employees of early learning and childcare facilities, masks are required at all times when at the facility, except when they are eating. 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. 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. 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. This includes when they are outside.

Intramural, Interscholastic and Extra-Curricular Activities

All intramural, interscholastic and extra-curricular activities, including SISTEMA, school sports, drama, music, and any other after school activities are suspended.

Immunocompromised students and staff

- Students and school personnel who are immunocompromised should contact their health care provider for direction. Distance learning plans will be put in place. The IWK has defined immunocompromised as being a person who:
  - is having chemotherapy currently or have within the last 6 months
  - is having radiation therapy
  - has received a bone marrow transplant in the last year or Graft Versus Host Disease
  - is a recipient of a solid organ transplant
  - has sickle cell disease
  - has a spleen that does not work
  - has a genetic cause for immune dysfunction
  - has HIV/AIDS
  - is taking immunosuppressive medication
  - has other history of immune suppression, as defined by a Physician.