

Safe School Plan

2022-23 School Year
Parent/Caregiver Guide



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Introduction



Similar to previous years' plans, division processes and protocols will be based on the following categories:

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All GSCS facilities will begin the 2022-2023 academic year at Level 1.

Since March 2020, pre-kindergarten – Grade 12 education in Saskatchewan has seen many changes and challenges because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The sudden shift to online supplemental learning gave way to in-person learning for the 2020-2021 academic year. Students, families and staff from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools had the monumental task of navigating a myriad of limits and public health restrictions to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and keep students and staff safe. The guidance and advice of local Medical Health Officers was, and continues to be, essential as the health and safety of students and staff continues to be our top priority.

Students, staff and families saw a significant shift in the 2021-22 school year. As of February 28, 2022, all provincial pandemic public health orders have been lifted, and COVID-19 mitigation and treatment strategies have shifted to be similar to that of other communicable diseases. The school division shifted from Level 2 in the response plan to Level 1.

We are hopeful that we will be able to continue pre-pandemic learning and activities throughout the year. Given past experience, we are prepared to implement additional safety measures if required

Safe School Response Levels



Level 1: Full in-class learning

Pre-pandemic learning with some additional measures in place to ensure student and staff safety



Level 2: Full in-class learning with additional protocols

Measures such as use of masks, student cohorts, and limited community access to buildings may be initiated if advised by local MHOs



Level 3: Reduced in-class learning

A combination of in-person and online distance learning



Level 4: Distance learning for all students

Use of facilities for staff to be determined

Level 1: Full in-person learning



Safe Attendance

- Students, staff, and visitors are asked to:
 - Self-screen using the COVID-19 [Health Screening Questionnaire](#) prior to entering all GSCS facilities.
 - Practice good hand hygiene.
 - Stay home if you test positive for COVID-19 or are not feeling well.
- Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) continues to recommend individuals self-isolate for five days following a positive test. If symptoms persist after five days, individuals should remain at home until symptoms have improved for 48 hours.
- If a student becomes ill while at school, parents/caregivers will be called to pick up their child; a wellness space will be provided for the child until parents/caregivers arrive.
- Staff will support students who need to be away from face-to-face classes, primarily through Edsby.
- Follow any Public Health orders and/or guidelines that are in place.



Safe Classrooms

Masks

- Masks are optional for all students, staff and visitors when indoors.
- MHOs will continue to monitor closely and will adjust guidance as needed.
- Disposable masks will be available.

Hygiene

- Promote appropriate hand hygiene.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout schools.

Instruction

- Full Saskatchewan curriculum will be taught by teachers.

Level 1: Full in-person learning



Safe Transportation

- Buses can run at full capacity.
- Masks are optional for students riding buses.
- When weather permits, windows should be open to increase ventilation.



Facilities

- Adequate soap and sanitizer must be available.
- School-wide plan for enhanced cleaning is in place focusing on high touch areas.
- Water fountains and water filling stations can to be used.

Ventilation:

- HVAC and air flow systems will maximize intake of fresh air in classrooms. Routine inspections and cleaning will be conducted to ensure air flow and efficiency.
- Open windows when possible to help increase the flow of fresh air.

Level 1: Full in-person learning



Safe Activities

- Sports and Fitness Activities: Resume regular activities
- Dance, Drama, Band, Choir: Resume regular activities.
- Extracurricular Activities and Field Trips: Resume regular activities (destination's COVID-19 protocols must be followed).
- Assemblies, liturgies and other events can be done virtually or in-person.
- Three-way conferences will be done in-person. Phone or virtual meetings may be accommodated as an exception and should be scheduled outside of regular conference times.
- Parent volunteers are allowed in schools.
- In-school presentations from external groups/organizations maybe done virtually or in-person.
- CSCC meetings may be done virtually or in-person.
- Division and school professional learning can take place virtually or in-person.
- Community gatherings (such as welcome back breakfasts or BBQs) may resume.
- Hot lunches for students may resume.
- Congregated lunch rooms/areas may be used.
- Nutrition Programs: Students may not help prepare food.

Level 1: Full in-person learning



Other Items

Vaccinations

- Staff, students and families assume the shared responsibility of assisting one another in maintaining healthy and safe learning environments and workplaces.
- Public Health encourages staff, students and families to avail themselves of all Ministry of Health recommended vaccinations.
- Staff, students and families are encouraged to discuss the efficacy of recommended vaccinations with their personal health care providers.

Rapid Testing

- At-home rapid antigen tests are available through your school and are recommended for regular monitoring.

Reporting and Self-Isolation

- Reporting of positive COVID-19 cases is not required.
- Please report all absences through Edsby.
- SHA continues to recommend individuals self-isolate for five days following a positive test. If symptoms persist after five days, individuals should remain at home until symptoms have improved for 48 hours.

Health Screening Questionnaire

All people entering schools are encouraged to conduct a health screening before entering any GSCS school or building to help prevent the spread of illnesses.

Fever



Nausea/vomiting/
diarrhea

Cough



Unexplained loss
of appetite

Shortness of breath/
Difficulty breathing



Loss of sense
of taste or smell

Chills



Muscle/joint aches

Sore throat/
Painful swallowing



Conjunctivitis/
Pink eye

Runny nose/
Nasal congestion



Headache

Feeling unwell/
Fatigued



Dizziness