



September 16, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the recent announcement of new provincial health restrictions, the STAR Catholic Board of Trustees called a Special Board Meeting to review its recent masking motion requiring masks for all students in kindergarten through grade 12. During the meeting, the Board rescinded its earlier motion that mandated masks for all students in kindergarten through grade 12.

As per provincial guidance, effective today, September 16, students in grades 4 through 12 and all staff must wear masks in common areas at school and in classrooms while not seated at their desks. **With the rescinding of the motion, students in kindergarten through grade 3 will not be required to wear masks at school.** Parents who choose to send their children in kindergarten through grade 3 to school with a mask will be supported in this decision.

Other provincial health measures that will be in place in schools include:

- Elementary students must be cohorted by class
- Indoor sports and extracurricular activities may take place with 2 metre physical distancing where possible
- Youth under 18 years of age are not required to wear a mask when engaged in sports or physical education class
- Attendance at spectator events must be limited to 1/3 fire code capacity and limited to households; attendees must be masked and distanced
- All K-12 students and staff must continue to wear masks on buses

Anyone unable to wear a mask due to an approved medical condition will require a signed copy of the [Government of Alberta's Medical Note for Mask Exception](#). **This signed note must come from a nurse practitioner, physician, or psychologist.**

Please remember to complete the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) with your child every day before school. If your child has symptoms, you may be directed to complete the [AHS Self-Assessment](#) to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19.

If you have questions about the Board of Trustees' decision to rescind its mask motion for kindergarten to grade 3 students, [please contact your local Trustee](#).

If you have questions about the Government of Alberta's mask mandate for grades 4 to 12 students, [please contact your local MLA](#).

If you have other questions about day-to-day operations and health measures in schools, please contact your Principal.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding as we work to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, families, and school communities.

Sincerely,

STAR Catholic Schools