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MASK REQUIREMENT ON BUSES

At the provincial COVID-19 update on September 1, 2020, school divisions learned that masks will be required for all students K-12 on all school buses, as passengers may be in close proximity for extended periods of time with no ability to physically distance from each other. This is a change from the previous requirement, which only applied to Grade 4 and above.

This new rule includes drivers, students, and any other passengers on the bus. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to purchase reusable cloth masks for their children. Masks will be provided for students who do not have a mask on buses.

Included with this update is Manitoba Education's document – [Guidance for Mask Use in Schools](#). Please review this document as PRSD schools will be operating under these guidelines.

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS – ALTERNATE DAY SCHEDULE SCHOOL YEAR START UP

As per Manitoba Education direction, school divisions and schools will limit staggered starts in September to the first week of classes. If additional time is needed to support transitions, socialize students to new routines and public health measures, and to assess recovery learning needs, the school should use support staff to monitor groups of children while teachers focus on small groups or individual students.

Based on Manitoba Education's direction, PRSD has adjusted its original 6 day staggered start to a 4 day staggered start for next week.

PRSD's updated staggered start schedule is now as follows:

- ✓ Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – K-12 Family Units – Surnames A-K
- ✓ Wednesday, September 9, 2020 – K-12 Family Units – Surnames L-Z
- ✓ Thursday, September 10, 2020 – K-12 Family Units – Surnames A-K
- ✓ Friday, September 11, 2020 – K-12 Family Units – Surnames L-Z

Every day return for all K-12 students will commence, Monday, September, 14, 2020.

If other changes develop for September 2020 Re-Opening of Schools, we will communicate that information as soon as possible.