

Palliser School Division Palliser Centre

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety of students and staff is the top priority for the Palliser School Division. We want to provide our school communities and staff with information on updated health measures as provided by the Government of Alberta. On February 8, 2022, the Premier announced steps to begin relaxing COVID-19 protocols in 3 stages. Details on the steps are available <u>here</u> and we have included important information below.

Effective February 14, 2022, as outlined in Step 1, students are no longer required to wear masks in schools or on school buses. We will continue to support individual students who choose to wear masks. At this time, masks are still required for adults and staff.

At the direction of the Government, cohorting of individual classes will continue for Kindergarten to Grade 6 until at least March 1, 2022. We will continue prevention measures to limit the spread of COVID-19 such as enhanced cleaning and sanitization in all schools. The expectations for children to stay home when sick and mandatory isolation are still in place, and you can refer to our <u>Stay at Home Guide</u> for students and families to understand when your child needs to stay home and for how long. We are continuing to provide <u>COVID-19 cases and student absence</u> <u>data</u> for your child's school on our Palliser website.

As was indicated in the Government's announcement yesterday, we expect to receive additional direction on Step 2 which will further ease COVID-19 measures on March 1, 2022. We will continue to promptly share information of any changes on restrictions with families.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to ensure we continue to learn safely. Please contact school administration should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

The Palliser Leadership Team