



As of Thursday, November 12, 2020, the entire province of Manitoba is in the Critical level (Red) of the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System.

ALL K–12 SCHOOLS IN MANITOBA ARE IN THE RESTRICTED LEVEL (ORANGE).

In real terms, what this means is that:

Schools must ensure two metres of physical distancing to the greatest extent possible, and adjust classroom space as necessary; excess furniture must be removed from classrooms to create additional space; other spaces within schools must be repurposed to accommodate more distancing (e.g., multipurpose rooms, shared spaces, common areas, and libraries).

- Extracurricular activities are only permitted if all learning and distancing requirements have been met. If these activities continue, established guidelines must be followed.
- All sports are suspended while the community/region is under the Critical level (Red) and the school is under the Restricted level (Orange). Schools may continue to offer physical education, provided all public health measures are followed, including physical distancing. In addition, students in Grade 4 and higher must wear a mask while in the gym.
- Teachers and staff who move across cohorts of students, including substitute teachers, are required to wear medical masks. Medical-grade disposable masks have been issued to all schools. N95 masks are not required.
- Indoor choir and the use of wind instruments are not permitted.
- All field trips must be postponed or cancelled.
- Blended learning (in-class and online) for Grades 9 to 12 where distancing cannot be achieved will continue as per status quo.
- Kindergarten to Grade 8 students may be offered a temporary remote learning option for the duration of the Restricted level (Orange).
- All other public health measures are still in effect.
- Manitoba Education and public health officials continue to monitor the situation closely and will continue to advise if additional measures are warranted.

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It is important to understand that Manitoba Public Health and Manitoba Education have mandated that all schools within the “RED-Critical” regions will remain at “ORANGE-Restricted” response level, unless Manitoba Public Health designates individual schools as “RED-Critical” (if current or future COVID-19 outbreaks are observed at those schools).

In keeping with earlier announcements, plans have already been set in place to address the establishment of orange level restrictions for all schools across all communities of Manitoba.

For more information visit [Restoring Safe Schools](#) and the [Province of Manitoba’s website](#).