## February 28, 2022

Over the weekend, Premier Jason Kenney announced Alberta is moving to step 2 of its <u>three-step plan</u> for easing of public health measures as of tomorrow, March 1.

Once step 2 comes into effect, the only remaining health measure in place for schools will be the <u>Alberta</u> <u>Health daily checklist</u>.

## **Lifted Measures**

The following health measures will be lifted in step 2:

- Any remaining provincial health requirements for schools (including cohorting)
- Mandatory screening prior to youth activities
- Capacity limits and limits on social gatherings
- Provincial mask mandate (excluding public transit and AHS facilities)

Though masks will no longer be required in schools, including for staff and visitors, anyone who wishes to continue wearing a mask is free to do so. The choice of any individual who continues wearing a mask will be respected in our school communities.

The only exception to masking requirements will be for **vaccinated** students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 and return to school after five days. These individuals **must wear a mask for the next five days** while in school or on the bus. **Unvaccinated** students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 **must continue to stay home from school for 10 days or until symptoms resolve**, whichever takes longer.

## **Alberta Health Daily Checklist**

For the time being, all individuals — including students, staff, and visitors — must continue to complete the Alberta Health daily checklist every day before entering a school building or getting on a bus. Please ensure you are referencing the most up-to-date checklist, which can be found on <u>the province's website</u>.

Anyone feeling sick must not enter a school building or get on a bus. Please keep your child(ren) home if they are unwell.

STAR Catholic School Division thanks families for their continued support and cooperation and will share any updates or new information as it becomes available.

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