



Update on COVID-19 Public Health Measures for Remote Learning Cohorts (Grades 6, 8, 4/5 Split and HELCC)

John Pritchard School
Split class 4/5, Grade 6, Grade 8 and H.E.L.C.C

September 17 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian of John Pritchard School:

As you are aware, there have been a number of COVID-19 cases identified at your school. During our initial investigation, your child’s cohort was identified as possibly being at risk. As we have continued with the investigation, we have found that high-risk exposures have been limited to the Grade 7 cohorts.

Public health has not identified any high-risk exposures in your cohort (including Grades 4/5 split classes, Grade 6, Grade 8 and the H.E.L.C.C.). Your child(ren) in these cohorts are no longer required to self-isolate/quarantine.

After discussions with Manitoba Education and out of an abundance of caution, your child’s cohort will be continuing with remote learning until Sept 29 2020, returning to in-class learning on September 30, 2020.

Investigation continues to determine the transmission source and you will be notified if new information requires further changes. Due to the number of cases at the school, John Pritchard was elevated to the Restricted Level (orange) on the #RestartMB Pandemic Response System until further notice. This means affected cohorts have moved to remote learning.

While your child is not required to self-isolate/quarantine, we do recommend that you limit your child’s contact with others up to and including September 29, 2020. This includes, for example, not attending extra-curricular programs or large gatherings and avoiding close contact with people at higher risk for severe illness.

If your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. Call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 for information on testing and isolation.

A	B
Fever/Chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite



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For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit
<https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Reimer".

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