

Good afternoon everyone,

Below you will find a link and a few excerpts for the latest guidelines that went into effect today. Pay close attention to the rules about masks for staff. Keep in mind that the rules are for within your classroom. The rules for wearing masks in common areas, staff rooms included still apply.

Thank you,

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## **ENGLISH VERSION**

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## **FRENCH VERSION**

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## **CHANGES**

### **Secondary**

Wearing a mask is required in certain circumstances other than in indoor common areas, such as in class. The regions and territories covered by these measures are listed in the Appendix – List of regions and territories where contingency measures apply.

Starting on November 15, 2021, all secondary school students in general education in the youth sector will not be required to wear procedural masks in class or during extracurricular activities, unless stated otherwise in an advisory issued by the regional

public health authorities. Students must continue to wear procedural masks when circulating within the school, in indoor common areas and while using school transportation.

See page 54, English version, the exceptions (List of regions and territories where contingency measures apply)

## **Distancing measures**

### **Guidelines for back-to-school**

■ **For staff:** wearing a mask continuously is not required, provided that a 1-metre distance is maintained, or a physical barrier is present. School staff must wear procedural masks in common areas, when circulating indoors and when using or providing school transportation. The guideline concerning 15 minutes of contact no longer applies, as this concept was used at the start of the pandemic to apply to workers who can easily work in isolation and may, for example, accidentally meet a colleague in a hallway.

## **Vaccination passport**

Students who are 13 years of age and older are therefore not required to show the vaccination passport for activities that take place within the educational institution and in other facilities (municipal arena, private training facility or gym, ski resort, etc.) so long as the activities are taking place as part of the educational services provided by the educational institution. This means that the activities are compulsory and planned as part of a student's schedule, such as Physical Education and Health classes, field trips, training with a Sport-études team, etc.

## **Management of cases and outbreaks**

Responsibility for managing cases and contacts following an outbreak lies solely on the public health authorities. Therefore, a school service center, school board or private school cannot decide to close a class or an entire institution on the basis of one or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 following testing conducted at a testing centre. When a case is detected or an outbreak is declared, the regional public health authorities are responsible for issuing recommendations and sending the appropriate instructions to the school concerned.