

March 31, 2021

Dear Parents:

By now I am sure many of you have heard about some recent changes to mask regulations. In short, the new expectation is that students from grades 4-12 should be wearing masks indoors while at school, and students K-3 are encouraged to wear a mask indoors. Certain exceptions are allowed:

- To a person who is unable to wear a mask because they do not tolerate it (for health or behavioural reasons);
- To a person unable to put on or remove a mask without the assistance of another person;
- If the mask is removed temporarily for the purposes of identifying the person wearing it;
- If the mask is removed temporarily to engage in an educational activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask (e.g. actively playing a wind instrument, high-intensity physical activity, etc.);
- If a person is eating or drinking;
- If a person is behind a barrier;
- While providing a service to a person with a disability or diverse ability (including but not limited to a hearing impairment), where visual cues, facial expressions and/or lip reading/movements are important.

Please note that mask wearing does not reduce or replace the use of other more effective protections such as hand washing or physical distancing. For the official information on masks in schools, please see the links below:

[BCCDC Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

[Provincial COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)

Should you have specific questions about your child and masks, please contact your school principal for assistance. If you have more general questions regarding these matters, do not hesitate to contact me at angus.wilson@mpsd.ca. As new information is provided to School Districts, I will pass that information on to our community. Thank you for all your work supporting your children and our schools through this very unique year, and for your ongoing patience.

Sincerely,



Angus Wilson
Superintendent of Schools