



April 4, 2022

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s):

As the province has lifted masking requirements in most settings including schools, Public Health Sudbury & Districts continues to strongly recommend the use of well-fitted masks among students, staff, volunteers and visitors to protect against COVID-19. The pandemic is not over, and our area continues to have higher rates of COVID-19 compared with the province. Prevention is key and wearing a mask and practising physical distancing are added layers of protection, as is getting vaccinated when eligible and staying home when ill.

Everyone is experiencing the pandemic differently and may have different comfort levels when it comes to personal protective measures like wearing a mask. We encourage parents and guardians to have a conversation with their children about the importance of wearing a well-fitted mask and to respect the decision of others to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

The following are a few reasons why someone may choose to wear a mask:

- They are at higher risk of being very sick.
- They want to protect others, such as a close friend, family member, or children and teacher in their class.
- They feel more comfortable doing so.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, individuals are required to wear a well-fitted mask at all times when outside the home in public spaces (including school and child care, unless they are under 2 years of age) when:

- They are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. They are required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days after their last exposure.
- They live with someone who has COVID-19 and they have been exempt from self-isolation because of their age and vaccination status. They are required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days following their last exposure.
- They have finished their self-isolation period and are recovering from COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms. They are required to wear a well-fitted mask for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test result.

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There are many reasons to wear a mask. Be kind.

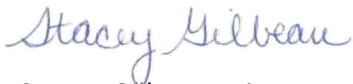
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- They travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days.

Respect and kindness have brought us this far, and they will continue to serve us well as we move forward. Please review this [resource](#) for more information about the reasons for wearing a mask and ways you can be respectful and kind. For more information on masking requirements, visit the Government of Ontario's [webpage](#). To keep yourself and your family informed, follow us on our social media platforms [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [and YouTube](#). Visit our [website](#) for additional COVID-safe tips. If you have any questions, please contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts' COVID-19 call centre at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey Gilbeau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stacey Gilbeau, Director

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