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Dear GC Students and Families:

After an extended holiday break and a week of remote learning, we have been working on a continuation of learning and enhanced safety measures to support a return to in person learning on Monday, January 17th. With this letter we want to inform students/families of enhanced and ongoing safety measures at Garden City.

Medical Mask Required

All staff and students are required to wear medical grade masks in accordance with the current public health order. The exception to mask wearing is when seated for the purposes of eating in designated areas. A point of emphasis will be on the proper wearing of masks, covering both nose and mouth. Our office and classrooms will have a supply of masks available upon request.

Stay Home When Sick

Staff and students are required to do daily health checks and stay home if they have cold or flu like symptoms. Students who develop symptoms during the day will be required to go home. View the following link for a COVID-19 screening tool: [Screening Tool - Shared Health \(sharedhealthmb.ca\)](https://www.sharedhealthmb.ca)

Vaccines

Families are encouraged to get themselves and their children fully vaccinated. Vaccination is effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

Ventilation

Garden City continues to meet the Province of Manitoba guidelines and will continue to monitor this.

Hand Sanitization

All classrooms, gyms, offices, and entrances are equipped with hand sanitizer to help support regular hand hygiene.

Isolation Requirements

- All people who have tested positive for COVID-19 are required to isolate.
- **Asymptomatic Positive:** Isolation requirements are now 5 days since the date of the test for fully vaccinated people who are not showing symptoms.

- **Symptomatic Positive:** Isolation requirements are 5 days since the date symptoms started appearing or the test, whichever is later, for fully vaccinated people as long as their symptoms are improving, and they do not have a fever.
- **Not Fully Vaccinated:** Isolation for 10 days after the date of their test as long as their symptoms are improving, and they do not have a fever.

Further guidance from the province is available at the following link:

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html>

Reducing Congestion in School

- **Morning Arrival:** Students are expected to time their arrival at school to be consistent with the beginning of their first class as much as reasonably possible. For those that need to arrive early we have seating in our Commons that will require a sign in.
- **Lunchtime:** Our campus will be open with restrictions during the lunch hour. We encourage all students who can go home for lunch to do so. For students requiring space at school, we will continue with our current model:
 - Grade 9 and 10 Period B Classrooms (sign in required)
 - Grade 11 and 12 Library and Commons (sign in required)
 Students who leave campus during lunch are required to time their arrival for 12:30pm.
*Note that our cafeteria will be closed.
- **Dismissal Time:** Students are required to leave campus at 3:30pm. Those waiting for transportation will have access to our Commons and will need to sign in. Waiting for transportation in hallways or door entrances/exits is not allowed.
- **Transition between Classes:** Upon completion of class, students are expected to move directly to their next class. Congregating in the Commons, hallways or entrances/exits is not allowed.

Sports, Tournaments and Assemblies

- School gatherings, assemblies will remain in virtual formats.
- Tournaments are paused until further notice.
- Interschool sports can occur. No spectators are allowed. Livestream broadcast of games will continue.
- Students need to time their arrival and departure for practices/games to be consistent with start and end times. The Commons area will not be available as a waiting area prior to or after games/practices.

Next Steps

The health and safety of our entire community is important, and we all have a responsibility to take care of one another. As students return to school on January 17th, we will take time to review these measures and provide opportunity for clarification.

Semester One ends Thursday, February 3rd

As we near the end of semester one, things will look different than in previous years. Specifically, we will not schedule an assessment week but rather will maintain our regular school schedule up until Thursday, February 3rd. During this time teachers will continue with instruction, feedback, and assessments as courses conclude. Final report cards for semester one will be available Tuesday, February 15th.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and we appreciate all that you do in working with us. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or thoughts.

Sincerely,



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