

April 7, 2021

Dear Parents,

Last evening, the Premier, François Legault, announced changes to the measures in place that affect our schools that **remain in orange zones**. The changes for our region are as follows:

## **Elementary Schools:**

- All students from grades 1-6 will now be required to wear a procedure mask (same as students in grades 5 & 6) when going from one area to another, in common indoor areas, in class and on school transportation.
- Procedure masks are being sent to elementary schools and as soon as your child's school receives them, students will be asked to wear them. In the meantime, students must wear a face covering.

## **Secondary Schools:**

- All students must continue to wear a procedure mask at all times, including in the classroom, in common areas, outdoors on school grounds and on school transportation.
- Students in secondary 3, 4, & 5 will continue to attend school in person every day.

## For both elementary & secondary schools, starting April 12th:

- Extracurricular and cultural activities may continue but only within the same class group.
- Field trips may also continue, but only within the same class group, provided that current health measures are respected.

As of now, the case count in our schools and centres has remained low but, with the arrival of the variants, we must remain extremely vigilant and continue to follow the measures in place. Our school personnel have and will continue to work very hard to implement and follow the directives and measures of the health authorities.

As we receive more information, we will continue to keep you updated. Again, we ask you to check your emails often for the latest information from your child's school and the school board. If you or your child are experiencing symptoms, please follow the <u>guidelines as per the Direction</u> <u>de la Santé publique</u>. Thank you for your continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Michel Soucy, Director General