ANGLOPHONE NORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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RE: RED ALERT LEVEL IN HEALTH ZONE 1

Good evening, Families of Rexton Elementary School, EWG Middle School, Bonar Law Memorial School and Harcourt School.

As of midnight tonight, on January 19, 2021, Health Zones 1 (Moncton Region), 2 (Saint John Region) and 3 (Fredericton Region) are joining Health Zone 4 (Edmundston Region) in moving to the Red Alert level.

Specific to ASD-N, Health Zone 1 includes **Rexton Elementary School**, **Eleanor W. Graham Middle School**, **Bonar Law Memorial School** and **Harcourt School** in the Rexton area.

I would like to assure you that we continue to work closely with Public Health and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to do our best in ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of our students and staff.

Based on the provincial COVID-19 Recovery Plan, Rexton Elementary, EWG Middle School, BLMS and Harcourt School will follow the New Red Level Directives.

In the Red Alert level, schools will remain open with enhanced health and safety measures including:

- Students and staff stay home if they have even one symptom of COVID-19.
- School staff are actively screened when they report to work each day. Parents screen their children each morning prior to sending them to school.
- If a positive case of COVID-19 is confirmed, the school will be closed for a minimum of three days to allow for contact tracing. The school would also become a testing site for school staff.

The Red Alert level means staff and students will be required to follow enhanced safety measures, as follows:



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MASKS:

- 1. Students are required to wear a mask at all times including outdoors and in play during sports activities.
 - EXCEPTIONS: When they are working silently on their own or eating.
- 2. Masks must be worn at all times on buses.
- 3. All employees must wear a mask at all times. EXCEPTIONS: When they are eating or sitting alone in a closed office or room.
- 4. School-age children and those teaching them are expected to bring two clean masks with them each day.

MUSIC:

- 1. Use of wind instruments and singing are not permitted.
- 2. Extra-curricular activities, including SISTEMA, theatre, choir and band are not permitted.

PHYS ED:

- 1. Activities that allow for physical distancing such as yoga, dancing, walking will be employed.
- 2. Interscholastic, extra-curricular and intramural sports are not permitted.

TRAVEL:

- Necessary travel only is recommended in and out of Red level zones, however, people can continue to travel within the province for work, school, essential errands and medical appointments.
- 2. All field trips will be cancelled.

Full details of the community directives for each of the levels, including the Red level, can be found on the government website here:

RECOVERY LEVEL COMPARISONS CHART

The latest Red Level Directives document specific to public schools can be found at:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/eco-bce/Promo/covid-19/red-alert-eecd.pdf

For more information regarding the pandemic as it relates to schools, please also refer to the "Return to School – Direction for School Districts and Schools" document, which sets provincial expectations and standards for the safe operation of our schools during the pandemic. It can be found at this link:





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RETURN TO SCHOOL DOCUMENT

Finally, I encourage all families to remain diligent with wearing masks, hand-washing, and social distancing. These actions can make a major impact on keeping our schools, children, and communities safe.

Thank you,

Mark Donovan

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