



**Community Bulletin
March 3, 2021**

- School divisions have now received clarification and communication about the impact that might be felt should any variant strains of the Covid-19 virus be found in schools.

The direct link to Bulletin #8 from Manitoba Education can be found at:

<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/bulletin8mar1.pdf>

This document outlining the guidance on close contacts and self-isolation requirements is also attached.

Highlights include stricter protocols when variant cases are identified in schools. One of the most impactful changes is that entire households now must isolate if a household member is deemed to be a close contact of a confirmed Covid-19 case. The whole household may be quarantine for anywhere from 10 to 24 days depending upon the circumstances outlined clearly in the document.

It remains critically important to stay vigilant in following existing protocols so that our communities as a whole remain safe and healthy. Sunrise School Division will share any further information from Manitoba Education and/or Manitoba Health as soon as it is available.

- Manitoba Education and Manitoba Health have also created a dashboard for the public to monitor all cases of Covid-19 in schools across the province. The data is found at: <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/schools/index.html#total>

Sunrise School Division still works with the Health Authority to report, contact trace, and communicate any identified cases by letter, phone message, and on our website. It is very important for all staff, students, and community members to continue following public health directives to help keep our schools safe learning spaces.

- On Monday, March 1, 2021, Dr. Roussin made reference to music classes in schools during his press conference. School divisions in Manitoba must follow directives from Manitoba Education which are developed with input and guidance from Manitoba Health. To help clarify the protocols currently in place for all schools in the province, please read the attached FAQ sheet which can also be found at: https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/covid/docs/faq_restore_safe_school_combined.pdf
- Schools in Sunrise School Division remain locked during the school day and visitor access is minimal in order to keep the environments safe for students and staff.