



PROCEDURAL MASK RULES AND DISTRIBUTION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Effective Monday, January 18, 2021 all of our secondary students will be required to wear procedural masks on school buses and during the school day. Face coverings are no longer acceptable. The procedural masks will be provided by the Ministry. Please read attentively the important information below.

FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

If as a family you have procedural masks at home, please send your child to school wearing one on Monday morning. If you do not have access to procedural masks, your child will exceptionally be permitted onto the school bus and into their school Monday morning wearing a face covering.

In addition, please ensure that your child has **two Ziplock bags and one cloth or paper bag with them:**

- **Ziplock 1:** to store and bring home the procedural masks for disposal;
- **Ziplock 2:** to transfer several clean masks to keep in their backpack/school bag during the day in case needed;
- **Cloth or paper bag:** to store a removed mask to be reused (for example to eat or drink).

During their first period class, your child will receive a sealed box containing 50 masks. Any student wearing a face covering in place of a procedural mask will be required to switch to the procedural mask immediately. Ensure you review [how to handle a mask](#) with your child so they follow proper hygiene. We also invite you to view the [videos](#) for further information.

For hygienic reasons, we are providing a box to each student so that they are the only ones handling their masks.

Procedural masks must be worn at all times at school and on school buses.

ARRIVAL HOME MONDAY

Please ensure that your child has a supply of clean masks in their Ziplock in their backpack/school bag. Keep the remaining masks at home in the box provided to this effect. For safety reasons, they will require an empty sealable Ziplock each day (these ziplocks can be reused) to place their used masks in. The cloth or paper bag is for the safe storage of a mask that will be reused after removal.

Your school will advise you on which date you will be provided with the next box of masks. You must ensure that the masks provided to your child are used for school only and are *not to be used for personal use outside of school.*



ALL SCHOOL DAYS TO FOLLOW

Please ensure that your child has a clean procedural mask at the start of the day from the moment they step on the bus and that they have their additional masks, Ziplock and storage bag on them every day.

It is the student's responsibility to have the second mask they will require for later use. At Riverside School Board, we do not want a staff member handling your child's mask.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Procedural masks are required to be worn at all times on the school bus, both in the morning and at the end of the day. The only exception to the rule is for the first day morning travel as outlined above.

Should your child forget their procedural mask, the bus driver will exceptionally be able to give them one.

RÉSEAU DE TRANSPORT DE LONGUEUIL (RTL)

For students travelling by RTL, we strongly advise that you use the procedural masks provided. However, as they are an externally regulated public transportation company, the rules issued by the Government of Québec will continue to apply. Therefore, the wearing of the procedural mask or of a face covering is mandatory: <https://www.quebec.ca/premier-ministre/actualites/detail/port-du-couvre-visage-ou-du-masque-obligatoire-dans-les-transports-en-commun-des-le-13-juillet/>.

Furthermore, if your child is wearing a face covering once they arrive at school, they must immediately replace it by a procedural mask prior to entering the school.

We thank you for your cooperation and attention to your child's safety by following and respecting these important instructions.