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Elk Island Catholic Schools Changes Masking Requirement

Sherwood Park, Ab. - Effective Tuesday, September 7th, 2021, Elk Island Catholic Schools will require all K-12 students and staff to wear masks. This change comes about as part of a commitment of Elk Island Catholic Schools to keep our students and staff safe.

EICS will be requiring all students and staff to wear a mask in all common areas, hallways, foyers, lunchrooms, libraries, and in areas where social distancing is not possible. Masks may be removed in classrooms when students are seated.

There will be circumstances in which individuals will be eligible for mask accommodations or exemptions. This would include:

- persons who are unable to place, use or remove a non-medical face mask (i.e. developmental and or physical reasons)
- a medical condition or disability (i.e. mental or physical) Anyone unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition will require a medical exemption letter from an authorized health professional.

"We realize the impact that this will have on our EICS community and as always are so appreciative of the support and compassion that we all share during these challenging times. Our priority remains ensuring that our students and staff have a safe school start-up in each of our communities and that will continue to guide future decisions" explained Superintendent Haggarty.

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