



FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

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Dear Fort La Bosse School Division Families:

Recently, Manitoba Education provided guidelines for school divisions to follow when welcoming staff and visitors into our schools. Fort La Bosse School Division has recently developed a policy and an administrative protocol that both took effect on October 18, 2021.

(<http://www.flbsd.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/JLB.pdf>)

This policy entitled “Mandatory COVID-19 Testing of Staff and Visitors” is one component of our pandemic response plan to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the Division’s schools and facilities, particularly for children born after December, 2009 for whom vaccines are not currently approved and for those individuals who are unable to be vaccinated.

The policy complies with Public Health Orders that required the implementation of mandatory collection of proof of full vaccination or mandatory testing of all employees and school site visitors. The term **visitor** is defined as anyone other than a Divisional employee or employee of an organization that leases space from the Division. Proof of vaccination may be asked for from **any individual** that may be entering a division building with the potential of having contact with students. An exception to this expectation is provided for RCMP, Child and Family Services, First Responders and those who are performing duties in the scope of their legal authority.

Please note that this is to mitigate risk of transmission for our vulnerable population and these measures **do apply to parents as well**. In the event of an emergency, the division can use discretion when asking for proof of vaccination. As a division our main goal is to maintain consistency and common sense when making decisions.

Please note, you will continue to have access to your children while they are at school. If you wish to see your son or daughter, please contact the school office prior to your arrival.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your school administrator.

Yours truly,

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Superintendent of Schools