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## ***Additional Safety Measures for Ontario Schools***

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As you are aware, the Province of Ontario has announced [a second state of emergency](#) effective Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021. A reminder that all Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board **schools will remain open for in-person learning during this time.**

As directed by the Ministry of Education, the following changes will be occurring in all NPSC schools, effective immediately.

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3 learning in-person
- Masking requirements will also be put into place for specified outdoor activities.
- The government has announced there will be enhanced screening protocols and voluntary participation in targeted testing for all in-person learners.

Mask-wearing on school transportation will continue to be required. Families are also encouraged to send students to school with a spare mask, in the event one becomes soiled or wet.

Kindly see the Health Unit's [Cold Weather Tips Fact Sheet](#) and for more information on mask wearing and other Covid-19 resources for parents, please visit the [North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit website](#).

Parents and caregivers with additional questions are encouraged to reach out to their school principals.

We thank you in advance for reviewing the above information with students and joining us in the collective effort to help stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus in our community.