



## Masking

### Students in Youth Sector Education:

- Masks are **not required when seated in class**, for all students of the Youth Sector (including those students who are 18 years and above). This could be subject to change, should we witness community transmission in a school or in a Nunavik community.
- Masks **are required for students when walking in school**, applicable to all students from grade 1 to secondary 5.
- **Masks are required** from grade 1 to secondary 5 for all students when **in school buses**.
- **Lunch and Breakfast programs:** the mask is to be worn when walking in the room used for these programs, but may of course be removed to eat once seated. Please plan for proper 2-meter distancing of students who unmask for these meals on the school premises.

### Students in Adult Sector Education:

Masks are required of all Adult Education Sector students (including those still below 18 years of age) at all times on the teaching premises.

### School Personnel:

Teachers and all other school personnel must follow CNESST guidance on masks in the workplace. Teachers and other school staff will not be required to wear masks in the classroom if they can maintain a two-metre distance from students. Masks are mandatory in hallways, common areas and when moving around the school.

### Visiting Professionals from Outside Organizations

Doctors, nurses, Social Workers, Youth Protection and other professional services have been given authorization to resume work in schools by Quebec. The Professionals from outside agencies have strict rules established by their governing bodies for PPE when working in a school. These visiting professionals must maintain a two-meter distance from students and staff when not wearing enhanced PPE.

## Vaccination Passport & Date of Applicability to Extracurricular Activities

The vaccination passport is a province-wide initiative that applies to all of Quebec, including Nunavik. Public Health is seeking however seeking accommodations in its' applications in Nunavik, as detailed below.



The Province of Québec has emitted clear guidelines as to the application of the vaccination passport to students aged 13 and above who wish to engage in specific **extracurricular activities**. Prior to application of this measure in the school setting, we wish to offer the youth of Nunavik sufficient time to access the currently ongoing COVID19 vaccination offer. The vaccination passport officially entered into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> in the whole province (but there is a grace period for its' application until September 15<sup>th</sup>). Public Health asks that this be applied accordingly to adult students 18 years and over, effective now.

Considering the recommended inter-dose interval of 4 weeks, the village-by-village calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose school-based COVID19 vaccination campaign, and the delay needed to attain protection from this immunization, **Public Health will request provincial authorities to postpone the implementation of the Vaccination Passport for youth 13-17 years in Nunavik to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

Before November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, registration for specific extracurricular activities for students aged 13 to 17 will be conditional on having obtained **a first dose of the vaccine by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**, with intent to complete **second dose** of vaccination **prior to the deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>**. As of November 1<sup>st</sup> the vaccination passport will be required for participation in school-based extracurricular activities.

Effective immediately, tournaments or gatherings of youth coming from different communities will require the use of the vaccination passport.

Here is the list of activities established by the Government of Quebec where the Passport should be applied: <https://www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/progress-of-the-covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-passport/places-and-activities-requiring-covid-19-vaccination-passport>.

For any student or staff encountering difficulties in obtaining their Vaccination Passport, please encourage them to call the Nunavik COVID Health line 1-888-662-7482 for support. A printed paper version of the Vaccination Passport will be obtainable in all 14 local CLSCs.

## Parent-teacher report card interviews and curriculum nights

The above-mentioned activities are considered as essential, and are not subject to the application of the vaccination passport for any visiting parent or legal guardian.

## Case-Contact and Outbreak Management

The guidelines in Nunavik for the management of contacts of COVID cases differ from those applied in the rest of the province (namely, fully protected contacts with moderate to elevated risk of exposure to the COVID case are required to preventively isolate, to break any chain of ongoing transmission).

Additional methods are being deployed throughout the province to reduce risk of transmission including the use of rapid tests in schools, some of those additional measures may be deployed in Nunavik as well.



## Assemblies, Gatherings

The allowed numbers of participants for indoor or outdoor festive events, award ceremonies, or school celebrations are currently different in Nunavik than in the rest of Quebec. The use of the vaccination passport for public indoor gatherings of more than 25 people, and for outdoor gatherings of more than 50 people is required.

For assemblies, we would ask that KI apply the rules pertaining to the Vaccination Passport according to the student's age. For applicability of passport, students 13-17 years old will be granted a delay up until November 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and look forward to our ongoing collaboration to keep Nunavik's schools an open and safe learning environment.