



# Eskasoni School Board

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## Statement on Travel to “Red Zones” in Atlantic Canada

For all members of the Eskasoni School Board community, staff and students, non-essential travel is discouraged. Travel to the Central Zone of Nova Scotia (Halifax and surrounding area), or to Zones 1 and 2 of New Brunswick (Moncton and area), and any other “red zones” are discouraged except for necessary medical appointments. Any community member who has traveled to a red zone location should self report to the Community Health Center by calling (902) 379-5000 to discuss the locations visited and next moves to protect themselves and the community.

At the school level, once the assessment is completed, a decision will be made on whether to return to the classroom. If cleared to return to the classroom, those who have visited a hot zone will be required to maintain social distancing, wear a mask at all times, and maintain especially stringent hand hygiene.

We ask that people track their visits to public places so that it is easier to report sites visited to the health center. This can be done in a few ways, including keeping a notebook or calendar, or even taking photos of places visited to be logged in your phone’s gallery.

Social gatherings that do not adhere to the Nova Scotia Covid guidelines are strongly discouraged. We encourage all members of the Eskasoni School community to take the necessary measures and precautions to help keep our population safe.

A reminder that all schools within the Eskasoni School Board are taking measures *beyond* the requirements for schools in the province to ensure that social distancing and hygiene practices can occur. Our schools have been operating at half-capacity to ensure that students and staff can maintain a social distance of two meters from one another. Foot traffic in the schools is marked by directional arrows to ensure as much as possible that people do not cross paths in common areas. Masks are required in common areas including buses and until students are seated at a safe distance. All staff are required to self monitor for symptoms and do not attend work if displaying symptoms of Covid-19. Non-essential personnel are not permitted entry to our schools. Screenings occur at all entrances in order to keep our school environment safe. Enhanced cleaning occurs daily with high touch surfaces being disinfected several times throughout the day.

Please be assured that we take the health and wellbeing of our community very seriously and are doing everything within our power to ensure the safety of our community. We ask for your continued vigilance in keeping social bubbles small and consistent, and in taking precautions to limit nonessential travel and shopping.

For the latest information on Nova Scotia’s Provincial Health Guidelines regarding Covid 19: [www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus/](http://www.novascotia.ca/coronavirus/)

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