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**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

The Province of Ontario has declared a second state of emergency and imposed a stay-at-home order effective Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., as outlined in a [provincial news release](#).

An extension of remote learning was announced for schools in Southern Ontario, but schools in the north, including Near North District School Board, will continue to operate in-person. MacTier Public School will continue to engage in virtual learning.

Below are changes that affect staff and students in NNDSB:

- Masks are now required for students in Grades 1-3 (in-person learning)
- Masks are now required outdoors (in-person learning)
- There are enhanced screening protocols (in-person learning)
- There is expanded targeted testing (in-person learning)

We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. Please know that we take the safety of our students, staff, and community with the utmost importance. Information regarding our enhanced cleaning protocols can be found on our website [nearnorthschools.ca](http://nearnorthschools.ca).

Thank you.  
Near North District School Board