



GONZAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Tuesday, May 11, 2021

IMPORTANT NEWS UPDATE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

1. Remote Learning

Given the increase in the number of COVID-19 infections, and the rising number of cases involving Variants of Concern, there is an increased risk of transmission among younger people (school-aged children) and young adults and their families. The Province of Manitoba has issued tighter restrictions and in response to Manitoba Health and Manitoba Education orders, all schools in Winnipeg and Brandon will be going to remote learning effective tomorrow. As expected, GMS is going to remote learning tomorrow. Please note, however, that the order does allow us to bring in students who may need additional assistance during this time. **Please read the attached letter from our Principal, Ms Andrew, which explains how we will be continuing to support your child's learning, and wellness during this time.**

We are here to support students and families during this time. Please contact any of us if you need support or assistance of any kind.

2. PLEASE GET VACCINATED – IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST!

Vaccinations now available for all adults over the age of 24 (effective today) across the city and over the age of 18 in most of our neighbourhoods

If you live or work in the North End, Elmwood, Downtown or West End, anyone over the age of 18 is now eligible to be vaccinated. (See the updated map on the reverse side of this page).

Residents or workers from these neighbourhoods can now make appointments for their COVID-19 vaccine at supersites (RBC Convention Centre and North Soccer Complex on Leila, pop-up clinics and at urban Indigenous vaccine clinics). These have advance appointments and walk in appointments with child care available - Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre, 180 Higgins Ave, Ma Mawi Wi Centre - Win Gardner Place, 363 McGregor Ave).

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/eligibility-criteria.html#community-based>

All members of the GMS staff have already had our first shot and we encourage all GMS families and their extended families to do the same. **If you or adult members of your family have not yet been vaccinated, please do your part, get the shot and help other family members get the shot. In the near future it is likely that the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines will be made available to young people over the age of 12.** It is in all of our interest and improving the safety of your children and the whole school community to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Tom Lussier



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Current areas where all adults can now book vaccinations. Please check out the website:

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