

Overview

The Pandemic Learning Forum was held in the fall of 2022 to reflect on learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic and engage in dialogue in response to these learnings. The forum brought together officials from the department of Education and Early Childhood Learning, school division, superintendents, and educator teams from across Manitoba to share what they learned and how they responded during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting innovative education supports and programming.

The department held the one-day, hybrid style forum on November 18, 2022. The forum included a panel discussion followed by five breakout room discussions in an “unconference” design, a participant-driven conference model that prioritizes participants’ voices as leaders and decision-makers. The event began with a panel discussion and a question and answer session with the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Dr. Brent Roussin; the Deputy Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Dr. Jazz Atwal; and the Deputy Minister of Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning, Dana Rudy, to share reflections and lessons-learned from combined public health and education perspectives.

This *What We Heard Report* summarizes the key themes and findings of the forum.