



November 28, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) advised Good Spirit School Division that several positive cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in individuals at Saltcoats School in Grades 3/4, 4/5, and 6/7. Due to the number of cases within the school and the multiple close contacts to the cases, the school will move to remote instruction.

To minimize further risk of transmission, all Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes will be cancelled on Monday, November 30, 2020 which will allow the teachers to finalize preparations for the change in instructional delivery to remote learning.

Mandatory remote learning will take place on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 to Friday, December 4, 2020. Families will be contacted prior to Tuesday, December 1, 2020 with details regarding the delivery of instruction and materials by Saltcoats School staff. Students and staff will tentatively return to school on Monday, December 7, 2020, based on the advice of the Local Medical Health Officer.

I would like to ensure you that the facility disinfecting and cleaning protocols have been and will continue to be followed.

Public Health will be contacting parents/guardians of students and any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in **close contact** with the cases and will provide direction. If your child is a student in Grades 3/4, 4/5 or 6/7 or accesses ridership on bus 57M, we would suggest that you deem yourself a close contact and self-isolate until given clearance by Public Health. We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Refer to the [Daily Self-Assessment Checklist](#). Also, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has shared a [COVID and Seasonal Allergy Fact Sheet](#).

If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. Public Health encourages all students to remain at home when showing the slightest symptom of COVID-19.

If you or a family member would like to be tested for COVID-19, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has a drive-through testing site located at 276 Myrtle Avenue in Yorkton. You may be tested without an appointment between the hours of 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, seven days a week, or you may call 8-1-1 for a referral and an appointment will be scheduled for you. Ensure that you have your Health Card with you. Children under the age of 18 will need verbal consent from a parent or guardian. Public Health has asked that you identify that you are a close contact and that your child attends Saltcoats School, that way rapid testing will take place.

We will continue to work with the SHA to determine when the outbreak is declared over. We will provide additional information to parents/guardians as it is available. For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

Sincerely,

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