

April 18, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) advised Good Spirit School Division that two individuals connected to the Kdn. and Grade 6 classrooms at Yorkdale Central School tested positive for COVID-19. SHA has yet to determine if the positive cases are the Variant of Concern (VOC). Additional assessments will need to occur, and this information will be shared in the next few days. We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures to protect all students and staff. Public Health will contact parents/guardians of students and any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in close contact with the cases and provide direction.

To minimize further risk of transmission, Good Spirit School Division, in collaboration with Public Health, decided classes for Kdn. to Grade 8 will be canceled on Monday, April 19, 2021, which will allow the teachers to finalize their preparations for the change in instructional delivery to remote learning. Mandatory remote classes will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Details regarding the duration and delivery of remote instruction will be shared with you. The tentative date for the return to face-to-face will be announced by GSSD on Tuesday, April 20/21, based on the advice of the Local Medical Health Officer.

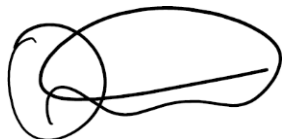
The SHA would like our help with continuing to do our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by following Provincial regulations and encouraging all students and staff to remain at home when showing the slightest symptom of COVID-19. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, you may be voluntarily tested without an appointment at 276 Myrtle Avenue in Yorkton, between the hours of 10:30 am – 3:30 pm, seven days a week, or you may call 8-1-1 for a referral. 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.

We want to assure families that the GSSD facility disinfecting, and cleaning protocols will continue to be followed.

Everyone entering schools is reminded 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](#). For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 8-1-1 or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

With the LMHO's support, the Good Spirit School Division and Columbia School Administration will continue to keep student and staff well-being at the forefront.

Sincerely,



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