

September 27, 2020

Staff & Families of the Yorkton Regional High School,

On Sunday, September 27, 2020, the Saskatchewan Health Authority advised Good Spirit School Division of positive cases of COVID-19 in the community of Yorkton which has impacted individuals at the Yorkton Regional High School. Four individuals associated with the school have tested positive and the source of infection is believed to be from community spread, and while school transmission has not been identified, parents of affected classrooms will be notified and public health has begun its contract tracing process.

If you have been identified as a close contact, Public Health will communicate directly with you.

To minimize further risk of transmission within the school and community, GSSD consulted with Dr. Chhetri, Local Medical Health Officer (LMHO) and Rob Currie, Deputy Minister of Education. Together, we have made the difficult decision to immediately transition to full mandatory remote learning for all students at the Yorkton Regional High School out of an abundance of caution. The YRHS staff have been preparing for remote learning since the spring and are confident that the move to an alternate instructional model will not impact learning.

As a result, classes for YRHS Grade 9 to 12 students will be cancelled on Monday, September 28 to allow staff to finalize preparations for the change in instructional delivery.

Mandatory remote classes will begin on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at your regularly scheduled time, and continue through to Friday, October 16, 2020. Students will tentatively return to school on Monday, October 19, 2020 based on the advice of the Local Medical Health Officer.

As an extra precaution, the GSSD Facility team will fully disinfect the entire Yorkton Regional High School building prior to students returning to school.

The Good Spirit School Division and Yorkton Regional High School Administration, with the support of the LMHO, will continue to keep student and staff well-being at the forefront.

Sincerely,



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