



October 5, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Several cases of COVID-19 have been diagnosed in individuals in the Saltcoats community and one individual who attended Saltcoats School is considered a close contact. We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all staff and students at Saltcoats School. As you may know, the virus spreads from person to person by large, respiratory droplets, like from a cough or sneeze. These cases were possibly connected to the community transmission within Yorkton. We believe the individuals unknowingly came into contact with someone who had COVID-19.

Based on what Public Health has shared, school-based transmission of the virus is not a risk in this case. Public Health determines the threshold for changes to school wide delivery. Schools or sections of schools will receive alternate instruction arrangements (remote) when there are two or more positive COVID-19 cases in more than one classroom and when Public Health cannot establish transmission links between those cases through contact tracing investigations. Based on this criteria, Saltcoats School will continue with face-to-face instruction.

Public Health will be contacting parents/guardians of students and any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in **close contact** with the case and providing direction. If you do not hear from them, your child has not been exposed because of the measures that are in place. We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Refer to the Daily Self-Assessment Checklist. Please complete this before attending school each day.

As a precaution, starting today, and until further notice, staff will be required to wear enhanced personal protective equipment including a face shield or goggles and a procedural mask. All students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 will be provided with a procedural mask to wear. Individuals are reminded of the importance of hand hygiene and are encouraged to increase the number of times hands are washed throughout the day. The GSSD Facilities team will ensure that there is increased cleaning and disinfecting in the school.

If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call the HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. If medical attention is required, please call ahead to your health care provider. If it is an emergency requiring urgent attention, call 911. If your child will be staying home, ensure you notify the school and bus driver, if applicable.

We will continue to 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Quintin Robertson', written over a horizontal line.

Quintin Robertson
Director of Education
Good Spirit School Division No. 204

Cc Ron Gillis, Principal, Saltcoats School
 Rob Currie, Deputy Minister of Education
 GSSD Board of Education
 GSSD Admin