

October 16, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian & Staff,

Dr. Chhetri, Local Medical Health Officer, has indicated that staff and students at Saltcoats School may return to Tier 2 protective personal equipment usage on Monday, October 19, 2020.

However, at this time we are asking that all staff (teachers and support staff) who are currently choosing to wear only face shields are now required to be donning a mask. The officials at Public Health have advised that in the event a teacher should test positive for COVID-19, without mask protection under a face shield, all students within the class would be considered “close contacts” resulting in all students needing to self-isolate. Therefore, from this point forward, staff must be wearing masks.

We recognize this is a change to our current protocol, however, as new information becomes available to us through Public Health, we have a duty to respond.

We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call the HealthLine at 811 and remain at home.

The following [link](#) is a COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool that you can use to determine whether you should be tested for COVID-19. Also, the Saskatchewan Health Authority has shared a [COVID and Seasonal Allergy Fact Sheet](#). Please complete the self-assessment before attending school each day. 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,


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GSSD Board of Education