

October 26, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in an individual in your child's Grade 1C classroom. We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. The virus spreads from person to person by large, respiratory droplets, like from a cough or sneeze.

To minimize further risk of transmission, Public Health has advised that all staff and students in Grade 1C are required to self-isolate. As a result, classes for Grade 1C will be cancelled on Tuesday, October 27 which will allow the teacher to finalize preparations for the change in instructional delivery to remote learning. 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.

Mandatory remote classes will begin on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 until November 6, 2020. Details regarding the delivery of instruction will be shared with you on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. Students will tentatively return to school on Monday, November 9, 2020, based on the advice of the Local Medical Health Officer.

As a precaution, the GSSD Facility team has fully disinfected the entire MC Knoll School building prior to students returning to school.

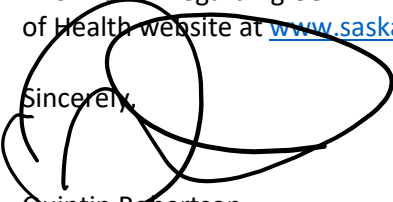
Public Health will be contacting parents/guardians of students and any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in **close contact** with the case and providing direction. We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Refer to the [Daily Self-Assessment Checklist](#). Please complete this before attending school each day. 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. If medical attention is required, please call ahead to your health care provider. If it is an emergency requiring urgent attention, call 911.

If you or a family member would like to voluntarily 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 - 4:00 pm 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.

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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