

January 27, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Earlier today the Government of Saskatchewan announced the response to COVID-19 must transition to adapt to the challenges of the current Omicron wave, taking into account the increased transmissibility of the variant. Changes that were brought forward in today's announcement take effect on Friday, January 28 and include:

- All individuals who receive a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status.
- Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate regardless of vaccination status.
- Parents and caregivers are no longer required to notify schools about positive test results.
- School administration will no longer be notifying families of positive test results in their schools.

The announcement regarding the update to the close contact protocols means that schools will no longer be engaged in the management of positive cases and the communication with parents/guardians. All our existing safety protocols will continue as outlined in our return to school plan.

A reminder for everyone entering schools to monitor daily for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and to stay home when ill. Rapid tests are available for use so please test regularly.

All other Public Health Orders such as masking in all indoor public spaces including schools remain in effect.

For more information please visit [saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19](https://saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19) or view the news release here: [Update to COVID-19 Self-Isolation and Close Contact Protocols](#)

Thank you for your continued support and let's all do our part to keep our students, staff and community safe.

Sincerely,



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