

January 24, 2022

Dear Families,

We have been notified that an individual in the **7/8 class** and an individual in the **11/12 class**, in attendance Thursday, January 20th and Friday, January 21st have tested positive for COVID-19. **If your child is in the 7/8 class or in the 11/12 class and was in attendance either, or both, of those days, he/she is considered a close contact for 10 days from that date.**

If your child is in the **9/10 class**, and was in attendance either or both of those days, he/she **may** be a close contact. Please refer to information from SHA to determine if your child is considered a close contact.

If your children feel unwell or have any COVID-like symptoms, please ensure they remain at home and call Healthline at 811. If medical attention is required, please call your health care provider or if it is an emergency requiring urgent attention call 911. As a close contact, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) strongly recommends your children take a rapid antigen self-test today and regularly. If you require rapid test kits, these can be obtained from the school so please feel free to contact us to arrange that or obtain a rapid test kit which are [readily available](#) from other locations as well.

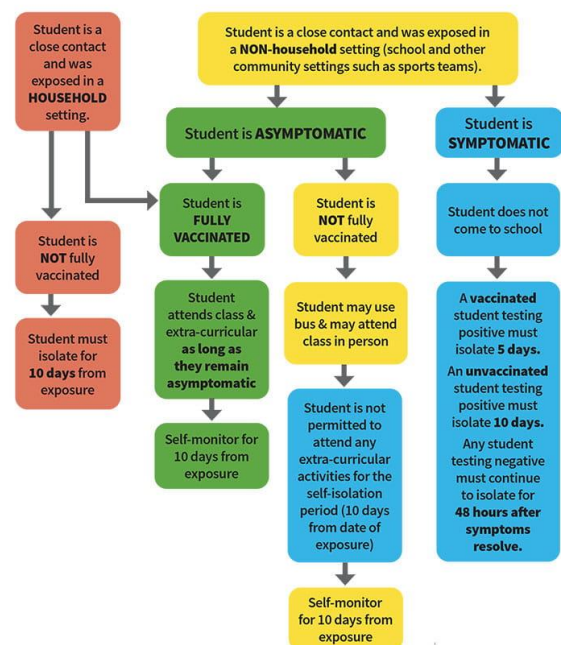
The [Public Health Order](#) permits **most** students who are **close contacts to continue to attend school if they do not display any symptoms**, but if the source of that exposure is in the home, there may be restrictions. The requirements for close contacts are outlined in the graphic below. Note that a fully vaccinated person has had two doses of Covid Vaccine at least two weeks prior to the date of this letter.

Students/staff who must self-isolate and cannot attend school until they have met self-isolation requirements are:

1. Covid 19 Positive individuals;
2. Students who are not fully vaccinated and who are close contacts from house-hold exposure;
3. Staff who are not fully vaccinated and who are close contacts from any exposure; and,
4. Any close contacts who have symptoms.

Saskatchewan Schools: Student Close Contact Protocol

Province-wide mask mandate applies to all students.



Students who are not fully vaccinated and who are asymptomatic close contacts from a non-household exposure are required to self-isolate at all times other than when at school/childcare or on the bus to/from school/childcare. Fully vaccinated students who are asymptomatic close contacts from any source of exposure are not required to self-isolate. More information for families can be found at the following links:

- saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-positive
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-close-contact
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/about-covid19
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-testing-facts

If you have any additional questions or concerns about self-isolation requirements or about the best response to a positive rapid test, please contact Healthline at 811. The staff at school will continue to support the learning for your children, but we are not able to provide details related to contact tracing and self-isolation requirements.

Please note that the **all classes remain open for in-person learning** for all students and that privacy regulations prevent sharing of any further details of this case. There will be no further notifications regarding this exposure event in the classroom, unless provides further direction or learning requirements change. If that occurs, we will provide further details about next steps.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to keep schools healthy and safe for students and staff. We certainly appreciate the support of our fantastic families as we navigate these challenging times.

Respectfully,

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