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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

At first glance, the world outside our windows is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. However, we all know Christmas will be very different this year. I am so proud of our students and staff as we continue to **learn everywhere together**, amidst new and different guidelines and expectations.



The number of COVID cases in Saskatchewan continues to rise. The Government of Saskatchewan announced new public health measures that will come into effect on **Friday, November 27**: [COVID-19 Update New Measures in Effect November 27 | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#).

To align with these new expectations and to continue to support safety in our schools, the following changes will be implemented in Prairie Spirit schools, starting on Friday:

- Students in **Pre-K to Grade 3** will wear masks throughout the school day. Students should come to school with at least one non-medical mask. The school will have disposable masks available for students, if required. We will work with our younger students to help them build their stamina.
- All students and staff will wear masks throughout the school day (except when eating and drinking).

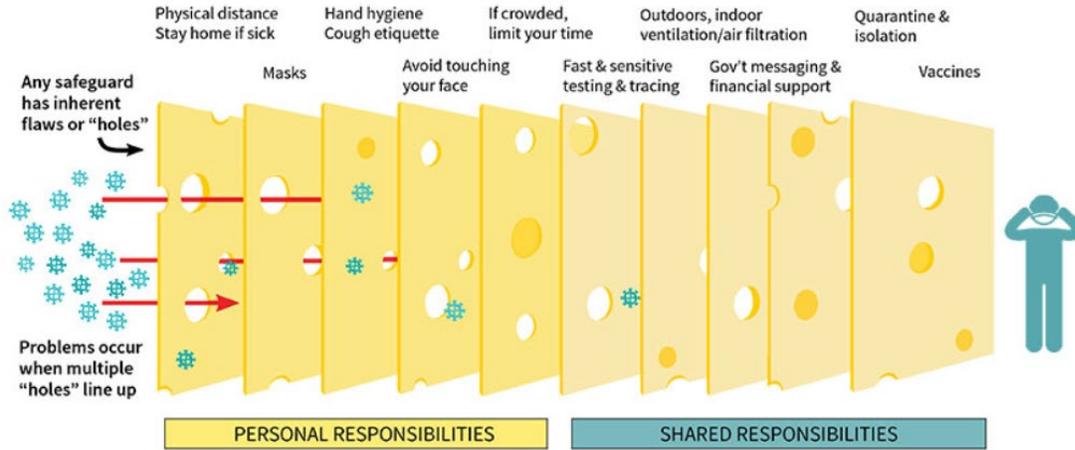
Our teachers and school staff will support all students to understand and follow these new measures. We appreciate your support as you guide your children at home.

Mask wearing is just one of our layers of protection in Prairie Spirit schools. We will continue with the following layers of protection:

- handwashing expectations
- social distancing practices
- cleaning guidelines
- student cohorts, to support contact tracing
- both students and staff stay home if they have symptoms

THE SWISS CHEESE RESPIRATORY VIRUS PANDEMIC DEFENCE

RECOGNIZING THAT NO SINGLE INTERVENTION IS PERFECT AT PREVENTING SPREAD



Our local Medical Health Officer has shared this graphic with the message that when we combine all protective measures at the same time, we have greater success in protecting ourselves and others.

We appreciate how our families have and continue to collaborate with our schools to support and maintain these layers of protection. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke
Director of Education