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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

I hope you had a great school break and enjoyed a taste of spring! This letter is part of our ongoing commitment to communicate regularly with Prairie Spirit families.

As we come back to school after the break, our focus continues to be on carefully following the layers of protection recommended by our partners in Health. We are working together to keep each other safe and to keep our students in school. Thank you for all you are doing in this effort!

We continue to work closely with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) to help keep our students and staff safe. Dr. Kapaj, our local Medical Health Officer, highlighted the following information with school divisions earlier today:

- **increased COVID-19** activity in schools and community
- **do not go to school** if symptomatic
- **get tested** if symptomatic

The SHA reports the following case summary from school investigators for the **Saskatoon Health Region** during the **Friday, April 2 to Saturday, April 10 break**:

- 150 cases
- 6 isolation letters for daycares
- 21 isolation letters for schools
- the remainder of the cases were not at school while communicable
- an increase in cases that were acquired on Easter weekend

Our Prairie Spirit team is committed to creating a learning and working environment that is as safe as possible for students and staff. Thank you for assisting your child in following the layers of protection that are required in our schools, which include: mask wearing, hand hygiene, social distancing, student cohorts and cleaning guidelines.

Thank you for keeping your child at home if they have symptoms. This is a critical piece in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. The SHA encourages anyone who is symptomatic to get tested.

We are thankful that we get to partner with our families and communities as we focus on learning in safe and caring places. We will continue to provide regular updates to our families.

Sincerely,

Lori Jeschke  
Director of Education