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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

Prairie Spirit School Division supports the provincial COVID-19 vaccination program. Vaccination is essential to protecting ourselves, our families, and our community against COVID-19.

Vaccination has been shown to effectively mitigate COVID-19 virus transmission and protect vaccinated individuals from severe consequences of COVID-19, including the variants currently circulating in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Health Authority strongly recommends vaccination for everyone who is eligible (both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series).

Prairie Spirit School Division has implemented Administrative Procedure 520 - [COVID-19 Vaccination for Employees, Trustees and Other Individuals](#). This procedure sets out the requirement for individuals working in our schools and Division facilities to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide regular negative tests. This procedure was developed by the Division's administration and is supported by the Board of Education.

All Prairie Spirit staff who are not fully vaccinated or choose to not disclose their status will be required to provide weekly negative tests starting **November 16**.

This new procedure will apply to a variety of people who work in and with our schools, including:

- Board of Education Trustees
- Community coaches and parent volunteer drivers
- Presenters to students and staff in class
- Parents and others who attend in person meetings at schools

We will be providing more information to Prairie Spirit parents regarding the process for providing proof of vaccination to your school, if required for a school activity. If you are unvaccinated or unwilling to disclose your status, alternate arrangements may be made where possible (e.g., scheduling a meeting with a teacher online or planning a virtual SCC meeting).

**Please note: students are not included in the new procedure.** In addition, this new procedure **does not** include:

- Parents dropping off students at school
- Spectators at extra-curricular activities
- Participants in after-hour school rentals

We appreciate your patience as we all navigate this new process. We are thankful for your support for your teachers and your local school as we continue to focus on student learning in safe environments.

We will continue to provide regular updates to families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bazylak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Darryl Bazylak  
Director of Education