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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced changes to COVID-19 self-isolation and close contact protocols, effective **Friday, January 28**. [Update to COVID-19 Self-Isolation, Close Contact Protocols | News and Media | Government of Saskatchewan](#).

I would like to highlight the changes that will impact our school operations:

- Parents and caregivers are **no longer required** to notify schools about positive COVID-19 test results for the purposes of close contact notification. Those who test positive are required to self-isolate and will be absent from school and activities for the duration of the self-isolation period.

As a result, schools will no longer be providing daily COVID notifications to the school community. Without the requirement for close contacts to self-isolate, notification of being a close contact is no longer required. As schools will no longer be notified of cases, schools will not have accurate information to share with families. In the absence of a Public Health Order or direction from the Saskatchewan Health Authority, we do not have the authority to share health information that parents/caregivers share with us in confidence.

- Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases **will no longer be required to self-isolate**, regardless of vaccination status.
- An individual who receives a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate for **five days, regardless of vaccination status**.

The individual is required to self-isolate for five days from the date of test or 24 hours after fever has resolved without the aid of fever-reducing medications and all other symptoms have been improving for at least 48 hours, whichever is later.

Previously, unvaccinated residents who had tested positive were required to self-isolate for 10 days. If an individual is currently self-isolating for 10 days because they are an unvaccinated confirmed case or a close contact of a case, they may be able to amend their self-isolation period as of noon, January 28, in accordance with this policy **if asymptomatic**. If symptomatic, they must continue to self-isolate until symptoms resolve.

As a result of these changes, any classes that are currently learning online will return to in-class learning on **Tuesday, February 1**.

The [Public Health Order](#) remains in effect, which includes mandatory masking in indoor public spaces, mandatory self-isolation for all confirmed cases and proof of vaccination or negative test requirements for public access to a list of establishments, businesses and event venues.

We will continue to follow our safety practices in Prairie Spirit schools, including: masking, good hand hygiene, reduced visitors to schools, physical distancing when possible and the Division's current vaccination/testing policy.

We expect students and staff members to stay home if they have any symptoms. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is sick, please report their absence as "illness" when you contact the school. This information is requested by Public Health as part of their ongoing monitoring at schools.

We will continue to provide regular updates to families. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Bazylak', written in a cursive style.

Darryl Bazylak
Director of Education