

EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 CASE @ St. Bernadette School – September 14, 15, & 16, 2021

A case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in an individual in your child's classroom. We have determined that the case was in attendance while communicable on the date(s) above. The virus spreads from person to person by large, respiratory droplets, like from a cough or sneeze and we have advised your school to continue to have routine measures in place to reduce the spread.

COVID-19 is a communicable disease reportable under *The Public Health Act, 1994*. Persons infected with or exposed to COVID-19 must take all precautions as advised by Public Health and all reasonable measures to reduce significantly the risk of infecting others.

All students in the classroom are considered close contacts and per the *Public Health Order* must:

- **Self-isolate for 14 days from last exposure** if not *fully vaccinated, **which is until 23:59 on Sept 30, 2021** ;
- **Students without symptoms that have not been *fully vaccinated may leave isolation only for the purpose of attending in-class learning.** They are required to self-isolate otherwise and are NOT permitted to attend any extracurricular activities and/or outings;
- **Self-Monitor** for symptoms for 14 days from last exposure regardless of being vaccinated or not and if they become symptomatic, self-isolate immediately.
- **Get tested** if not fully vaccinated or if symptoms develop (a negative test is not required to return to school).

This letter is an official notification; parents/guardians of children in the affected classroom will not be contacted directly by Public Health.

*Fully vaccinated is defined as 2 weeks after the second dose and **ONLY** these students may continue to participate in extracurricular activities under the order if they remain asymptomatic. Public Health will not be providing the school with the vaccination status of the students in the affected classroom. Students may be required to provide proof of vaccination (an immunization record) in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

We remind everyone entering schools to monitor daily for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and to stay home when ill. We strongly recommend that everyone who is eligible, gets both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, including all household members of students and staff members.

Thank you for your cooperation during this period. We appreciate your assistance in preventing the possible spread of infection. Please feel free to call 811 as needed. For further information regarding COVID-19, please visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

Sincerely,
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Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation,
acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.