

École Vickers Public School

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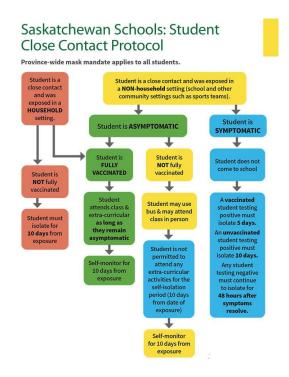
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Dear Families,

If your child rode the bus with an individual who tested positive for Covid-19, your child is considered a close contact for 10 days from that date. Vickers covid bus exposures and dates are listed on our website: https://vk.srsd119.ca/.

If your children feel unwell or have any symptoms of COVID-19, please ensure they remain at home and call Healthline at 811. If medical attention is required, please call your health care provider or if it is an emergency requiring urgent attention call 911. As a close contact, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) strongly recommends your children take a rapid antigen self-test today and regularly. If you require rapid test kits, these can be obtained from the school so please feel free to contact us to arrange that or obtain a rapid test kit which are readily available from other locations as well.

The <u>Public Health Order</u> permits <u>most</u> students who are close contacts to continue to attend school <u>if</u> they do not display any symptoms, but if the source of that exposure is in the home, there may be restrictions. The requirements for close contacts are outlined in the graphic below. Note that a fully vaccinated person has had two doses of Covid Vaccine at least two weeks prior to the date of this letter.



Students/staff who must self-isolate and cannot attend school until they have met self-isolation requirements are:

- 1. Covid 19 Positive cases:
- 2. Students who are not fully vaccinated and who are close contacts from house-hold exposure;
- 3. Staff who are not fully vaccinated and who are close contacts from any exposure; and,
- 4. Any close contacts who have symptoms.

Students who are not fully vaccinated and who are asymptomatic close contacts from a non-household exposure are required to self-isolate at all times other than when at school/childcare or on the bus to/from school/childcare. Fully vaccinated students who are asymptomatic close contacts from any source of exposure are not required to self-isolate. More information for families can be found at the following links:

- saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-positive
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-close-contact
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/about-covid19
- www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid19-testing-facts

If you have any additional questions or concerns about self-isolation requirements or about the best response to a positive rapid test, please contact Healthline at 811. The staff at school will continue to support the learning for your children, but we are not able to provide details related to contact tracing and self-isolation requirements.

Please note that **École Vickers Public School** remains open for in-person learning for all students and that privacy regulations prevent sharing of any further details of this case. There will be no further notifications regarding this exposure event in the classroom, unless Health provides further direction or learning requirements change. If that occurs, we will provide further details about next steps.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work to keep schools healthy and safe for students and staff. We certainly appreciate the support of our fantastic families as we navigate these challenging times.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Jennie Green Principal