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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

Effective September 12, 2021, a Public Health Order regarding Mandatory Isolation came into effect for the province of Saskatchewan. This Order remains in effect until, in the opinion of the Chief Medical Health Officer, there is no longer a public health threat.

The Order provides exceptions from self-isolation for school-aged children to attend school.

What does this mean for NESD schools when there is an exposure to a positive Covid-19?

- A student who is a close contact of an individual with COVID-19 due to exposure at a school, is exempt from self-isolation (during school hours) if:
 - (i) The student does not have or display symptoms; **and**
 - (ii) The student wears a face mask at all times while attending school.
- A student whose self-isolation is exempted **shall not**:
 - (i) Attend or visit a school other than the school where the student was exposed to COVID-19;
 - (ii) Remain at the school after regular school hours for any purpose; including the participation in extracurricular activities.
- A student whose self-isolation is exempted may continue to utilize the bus or other form of shared transportation during their period of self-isolation if masked.
- In the case of a school exposure, students and staff will be **required** to wear masks indoors and while riding a bus for a defined period of time.

For more information, on the Order of September 12, 2021, and for definitions regarding close contacts, vaccination status, face coverings, infectious periods, and self-isolation please see <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/public-health-measures/public-health-orders/provincial-order---mandatory-isolation.pdf>

The health and safety of our students and their families, and our employees and their families, remains our priority. We thank everyone for your understanding and cooperation as we implement this new Public Health Order.

The North East School Division has been significantly impacted by Covid-19 over the past two weeks. The school division **strongly recommends** ALL staff and students wear masks in settings described in our Safe School Plan.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support in these matters. We will continue to update and inform you as more information becomes available.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don Rempel".

Don Rempel
Director of Education