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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Government of Saskatchewan released information today regarding changes to the Public Health Order, effective **Friday, January 28th**. Please visit their [website](#) for the entire release. The information below is taken directly from their news release:

Effective this Friday, January 28, residents who receive a positive test result on a PCR or rapid antigen test will be required to self-isolate for five days, regardless of vaccination status. You are 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.

Close contacts of positive COVID-19 cases will no longer be required to self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status.

If you are a close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case, you should self-monitor for symptoms and continue to use publicly-available rapid antigen tests for asymptomatic surveillance.

Parents and caregivers are no longer required to notify schools about positive 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.

Regina Catholic School Division remains committed to providing high-quality Catholic education in a safe learning environment. We will continue to revisit our local practices in the coming weeks. At this time, please note the following:

- As per the provincial directive, positive case notification in RCSD will cease on January 28th.
- Proof of Vaccination practices in RCSD remain unchanged.
- Student cohorting practices, excursions, etc. remain unchanged and will be revisited for the *return* from February break.
- No changes to spectator capacity for elementary extra-curricular.
- No changes to existing practices for high school extra-curricular.
- RCSD website will be updated with the Government's slide deck, a link to news release, and a link to updated PHO (when available).

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- Historical case data will remain on RCSD website for the time being.
- Students displaying symptoms at school: parents will still be notified requesting the students be picked up.

We recognize today's announcement represents a significant shift. Senior administration will continue our practice of a daily review of schools, as well as our regular communication with Public Health, to closely monitor our status under the conditions of the new Public Health Order.

The recent adjustment to the high school course finalization process is yet another shining example of our staff's commitment to take brave and innovative steps while meeting our mission and prioritizing wellness. Your unwavering support is greatly appreciated as we maneuver the evolving challenges presented by the pandemic. Thank you for your patience, and for choosing Regina Catholic Schools.

Regards,

Sean Chase
Director of Education