

Regina Catholic Schools

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Vicky Bonnell Chair Sean Chase Director of Education

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Dear parents and guardians,

Education Minister Dustin Duncan addressed the province today, sharing updated COVID-19 guidelines for schools. We are adjusting our official documentation as quickly as we can but wish to share the important notes directly with our communities.

- New isolation expectations are explained in the chart below, and found online here.
- It is *essential* for parents to notify the school when students test positive on a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) or by a PCR test administered by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) so we can enact the communication protocol.
- Under the new provincial guidelines, school divisions are leading the communication protocol *regardless* of the type of positive test.
- When we learn of a positive COVID-19 test result from a RAT or PCR, we will notify potentially affected families. If you do not get a letter, your child was not considered at risk of exposure.
- We will continue to update the RCSD <u>COVID-19 website</u> to transparently communicate cases.
- Determination of outbreak status is the responsibility of Public Health, with whom we are in regular contact.
- In the instance of an outbreak as determined by Public Health, we will work with the Local Medical Health Officer to decide on any necessary interventions, which may include a temporary move to remote learning.
- Please direct health-related inquiries to Healthline 811. Our office managers are incredible, and they know everything happening in our schools, but they are not healthcare providers. They have been inundated with health-related calls and emails that they simply can't answer.

We continue to pray for guidance, good health and blessings for all our students, staff and families. We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation.

God bless,

Sean Chase
Director of Education

Saskatchewan Schools: Student Close Contact Protocol

Province-wide mask mandate applies to all students.

