

October 8, 2021

To: Saskatchewan School Divisions and Schools

Re: COVID-19 Case and Contact Management in Schools

Throughout the month of September, the approaches for case and contact management in schools have continued to evolve and the Ministry of Health and Medical Health Officers (MHOs) have continued to monitor transmission dynamics among school cases. Since the beginning of September, there have been over 50 outbreaks in schools and many school-associated exposures. The majority of exposures in these settings are related to children that became infected following exposures to COVID-19 within their household.

As such, an update to the [Public Health Order – Mandatory Isolation and Face Covering](#) came into effect on Friday October 1, 2021. The new provision is highlighted below:

- Any unvaccinated child who is or becomes a close contact of an individual with COVID-19 **due to an exposure in the household is no longer exempt from self-isolation to attend school or daycare**; these children must self-isolate and any exemption is **automatically revoked**.

Therefore, if there is a child that is supposed to be isolating because they are a close contact of a household case, **they cannot attend school effective immediately** and they must be at home now until the end of their self-isolation period which is 14 days since their last exposure to the case.

The Ministry of Health and MHOs will continue to monitor school case rates and transmission patterns to determine if further measures or revisions are necessary.

For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

Saskatchewan Schools: Students Close Contact Protocol

Province-wide mask mandate applies to all students per new masking order

