



What's Happening at Allan School

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The School Handbook has been added to the website.
Please check the website for our entire School Safe Plan.

Message from the Office – COVID-19 Update

As you are likely aware, a school in Martensville recently had a positive Covid-19 case with one of their students. As we expected, the school and their community did a great job of managing the situation. It is certainly a possibility that we might have a case to deal with as well. We want to give you some information ahead of time, so we can all know what to expect:

When Saskatchewan Health Authority determines that one of our student or staff population has tested positive for COVID-19, they contact the school as part of their investigation process for determining who may be identified as a close contact. There are several different ways someone can be considered a close contact of a patient with COVID-19, one being having close prolonged contact (within two meters) or having shared personal items. They inform us that an individual attending or working at our school has been found to be positive and that contact tracing has begun. If the individual is a student, they would have already collected some information from the parents, and based off of that information, may ask the school to provide additional information, such as classroom seating plans and contact information, to help with their investigation. They will also ask for a bus seating plan, if applicable, and other school activity information. From there they determine, in consultation with the ill student, who would be considered a close contact. Those who are deemed to be a close contact are then contacted by The Health Authority. It is then determined by Health the next steps moving forward which may include testing or isolation. Close contact would most often be people who have been close to that student for at least 15 consecutive minutes. In the case at Martensville school, the Health authority didn't consider contact at recess time, hallway interaction, etc.

Here at school we then begin our procedure for informing parents, via email of the class affected and the school population. The letter going home to the class will state that there has been a positive case found in your child's classroom. The rest of the population gets one stating that there has been a positive case found in an individual attending the school. We are directed by Saskatchewan Health, in keeping with privacy laws, that the names and/or classrooms of the student, staff, or siblings are not to be divulged to the general public.

Our facilities department, along with Administration, then determines the possible contact areas of the child/class within the school and a deep clean is completed.

We hope this clarifies the process that we will be following to keep people safe, informed, as well as protecting people's privacy. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in following all the Health protocols and guidelines as we try to keep our school communities safe.

Lastly, we want to thank all of you for the diligence and care you have been doing around students with illness symptoms. If your son or daughter has illness symptoms, please keep them at home and contact the Healthline by dialing 811. They will give you direction as to the need for testing. If no test is required, and the student is symptom free for 48 hours, they are welcome back at the school.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at the school.



Important Dates

Wednesday, Sept. 30th – Picture Day is cancelled/postponed.

Wednesday, Sept. 30th – Orange Shirt Day

Thursday, Oct. 1st – Gr. 6 Immunizations

Monday, Oct. 5th to Friday, Oct. 9th – Gr. 11&12 Work Experience

Monday, Oct. 12th – Thanksgiving Day – No School

Monday, Oct. 26th – Prep. Day – No School

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Reminders:

Attendance Policy & SwiftK12

- When a student is absent for any reason, parents or guardians must phone the school at 306-257-3311 to report the absence. If the school does not receive a prior call from a parent/guardian, a voice, text and/or email message will be sent to parents/guardians via the SwiftK12 system to alert them that their child is not in school and has been marked absent from that class. *Messages will be going out three times daily if the absence is not excused during the day, once in the morning, once after the lunch break and again at the end of the school day.*

Nut Free

- Student safety is of utmost importance to us and in order to respect the health concerns of our student body, Allan School is a Nut Free school. We ask that you do not send products that may contain nuts, tree nuts or any nut products/extracts to school. We also ask that students not trade or share their lunches due to gluten, dairy and other food allergies.



September Birthdays

Austin J.

Asher S.

Keagan N.

Karmyn B.

Cora S.

Hunter D.

Wyatt M.

Joselyn S.

Trina S.

Colton B.

Owen R.

Tyson S.

Nairobi C.

Suri D.

Abby M.

Jill R.

Jackson G.

Benjamin L.

Logan K.

Greg M.

Caroleena B.