



# Rosthern Community School

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Good afternoon RCS families!

You will all receive the April *RCS Bulletin* after the Easter break, but we thought that this would be a good time to connect with everyone with a COVID-related update.

## CONFIRMED COVID CASES AT RCS

We have had a few confirmed cases of COVID-19 at RCS over the past few months. Our procedure has remained the same when a positive case is confirmed:

- All members of the class/cohort are required to isolate as close contacts (as per SHA requirements).
  - o These students move to “Level 4 Learning”, which means full-time learning from home.
  - o Students are expected to connect with teachers via Microsoft Teams and complete all work assigned during the isolation period.
- Staff members participate in contact tracing (with the SHA) to determine if they are close contacts.
- The rest of the school population continues to operate as normal (including siblings of identified close contacts).

If families have questions or concerns about learning during isolation, please contact classroom teachers directly.

## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Families in our school community have done an **incredible** job of keeping students coming to school this year. Our attendance has been very strong, and we once again want to thank families for trusting us with their kids. Here are a few attendance reminders:

- If your child needs to be absent (or late) from school for any reason, please call the office (306-232-4868) so that we know where they are.
- If your child is sent home from school with COVID-related symptoms, please remember that they need to remain at home until they are symptom free for 48 hours. Families are encouraged to call 811 for guidance in these situations.
- Teachers are providing at-home/online learning opportunities for students who are required to isolate at home or who are absent from school for several days due to illness – all others continue to access full-time in-school learning.

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES/UPDATES

We continue to utilize many layers of protection at RCS, including masks (which are required by all staff/students at all times, unless students are outside and completely distanced from all other kids), cleaning/sanitizing, and social distancing whenever possible. As well, students remain in their designated class/cohort groups throughout the day.

One key piece of information for all families to keep in mind – the COVID-19 policies and procedures that we use at RCS are consistent with those in all other PSSD schools as required by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. If families ever have health-related questions regarding COVID at school, please call 811 for guidance.

Have a great Easter break – we look forward to seeing all students back at school on April 12<sup>th</sup>!

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