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Dear Prairie Spirit families:

We are entering the last few weeks of the 2020/21 school year, a year we will never forget! Our school leaders and staff continue to work hard to create safe places and spaces for the students in our schools. Thank you to each Prairie Spirit family for your support and collaboration this year.

Despite the challenges of the year, our focus continues to be on student learning. Our schools are reporting strong growth and learning throughout this challenging year.

I would like to share some updates with all Prairie Spirit families as we look forward to the May long weekend.

Vaccine School Delivery Strategy

Earlier this week, the provincial government announced the provincial [COVID vaccination program](#) for students ages 12 and up in schools, which will begin in June.

The school vaccine program will use the Pfizer vaccine, which has been approved by the federal government for use with children aged 12 and older. Please note this is a voluntary program, as with all school vaccinations programs.

Prairie Spirit will be working closely with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) in this important work. We will share information about vaccine clinics and opportunities as soon as it is available. Written consent will be required for all students ages 12 - 17. An overview of this program is attached to this letter.

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in reviewing the vaccination information with their children and discussing the importance of vaccination with them.

COVID case on a school bus

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has informed us of a change in their procedures when there is a positive COVID-19 case involving an individual riding a school bus. This message was shared on May 7 with all Prairie Spirit families who ride a school bus.

Effective immediately, when there is a positive case of COVID-19 on a school bus, **all students who were on the bus on the dates that the person was infectious will be considered a close contact and directed to self-isolate by the SHA.** This will be the direction regardless of the length of time a student is on a bus or where they are seated.

We appreciate that this is a significant change which impacts families. We know the school bus is the only viable transportation option for many of our students. If you choose an alternate form of transportation for your children, please let your school know as soon as you can.

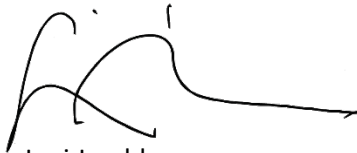
Layers of protection

In Prairie Spirit schools, we continue to follow our safety protocols and layers of protection, which include mask wearing, hand hygiene, social distancing, student cohorts and cleaning guidelines. These processes have been helping to keep our students and staff safe and they will be carefully followed. Our Medical Health Officer says that now is not the time to make any changes to our current practices.

Thank you for keeping your child at home if they have symptoms. This is a critical piece in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. It is important that we continue to follow public health [measures](#). The SHA encourages anyone who is symptomatic to get tested.

We are working together to keep each other safe and to keep our students in school. Thank you for all you are doing in this effort! Enjoy the long weekend and keep warm!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori Jeschke', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lori Jeschke



COVID-19 Vaccine School Delivery Strategy / 2nd Dose Update

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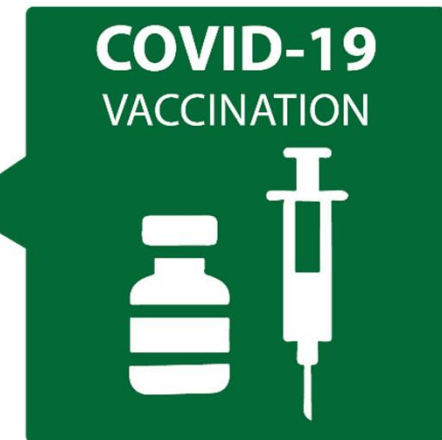
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COVID-19 Immunization Campaign Goals

- Protect those most vulnerable
- Minimize serious illness & death
- Protect health care capacity
- Minimize spread of COVID-19
- Immunize as many people as possible, quickly and safely.

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SMARTER.
SAFE.

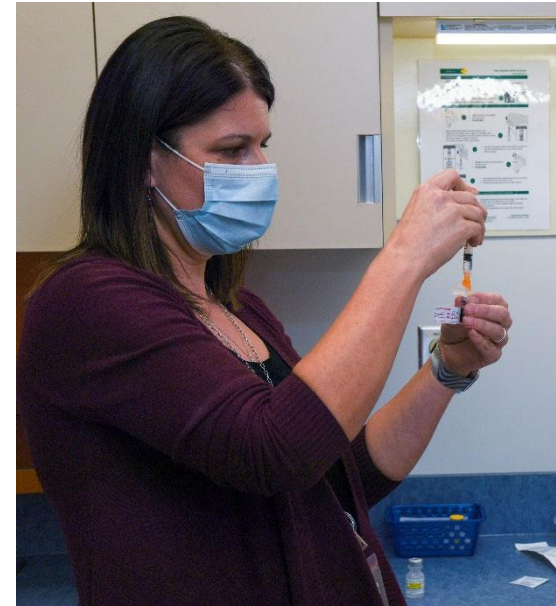


School Delivery Strategy - Who and What

Local campaign representatives will work with schools directly on logistics: date, time, location. Plans will be reviewed against school schedules, other commitments such as graduations or exams, as well as any alternate learning schedules that are in place.

Clinics will be announced through school communications channels.

Clinics will be run in a safe manner, consistent with all public health orders, screening protocols and utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment.



School Delivery Strategy - Who and What

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration is approved for children 12 years of age and older. This recommendation is endorsed nationally as a safe and effective way to reduce transmission, protect vulnerable populations and save lives.

Children 12+ are only approved to receive the Pfizer brand of vaccine.



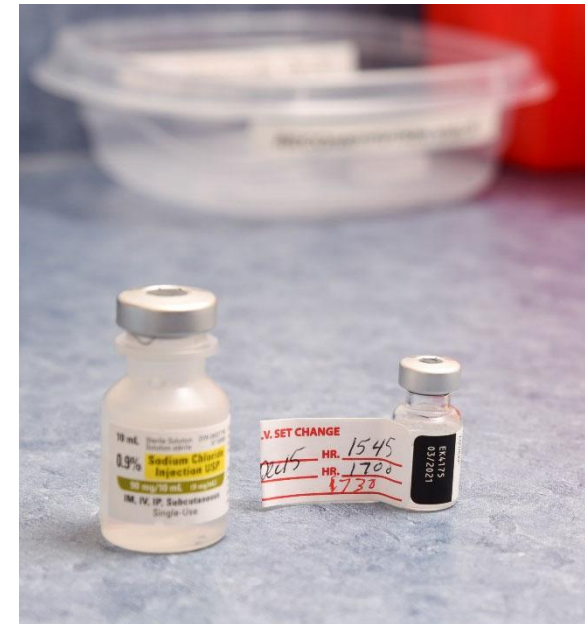
School Delivery Strategy - Where and When

School vaccinations will begin in June. Local campaign representatives will work directly with schools to identify date, time and location. Final plans may vary by city/town.

Clinics will operate for students only in schools Monday to Friday.

While delivering the school campaign, SHA will shift focus to only operating drive-thru and walk-in clinics Friday to Sunday (approximately 3 weeks).

SHA booked appointments will not be available during this time, but booked appointments will continue to be available through participating pharmacies.



School Delivery Strategy - Consent Requirements

12 -17 years of age → written consent required

Written consent will be required for all ages 12-17, primarily for tracking purposes, in case the child receives one dose at school and one elsewhere.
One consent for both doses.

In all scenarios, parents are encouraged to play an active role in reviewing the information packages provided to their children and discuss the importance of vaccination with them.

School Delivery Strategy - Other Options Available

Children 12+ are eligible to receive immunization as of May 20th and **are not required to wait** until their school's clinic date.

Other options include:

- Participating pharmacies administering the Pfizer brand;
- Drive-thru and walk-in clinics administering the Pfizer brand;
- Booking online for an SHA booked appointment; or
- Calling 1-833 SASKVAX (727-5829) to speak to a booking agent.



School Delivery Strategy - Second Doses?

Students must wait a minimum of 21 days after their first dose of Pfizer before receiving their second dose of Pfizer.

Saskatchewan expects to provide students with second doses in July and August, after second doses are provided to the older populations.

Evaluation of immunization uptake will occur over the summer. School-based immunization may be considered in the Fall if uptake on second doses is lower than expected.



Second Dose Eligibility Dates

Eligibility for 2 nd Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine			
Date Eligibility Changes	Eligible Age	OR	Eligible Based on Date of First Dose (on or before)
May 17	85+	OR	15-Feb
May 24	80+	OR	1-Mar
May 31	70+	OR	15-Mar
June 7	65+	OR	22-Mar
June 14	55+	OR	7-Apr
June 21	45+	OR	15-Apr
June 28	Eligibility opens according to the date of first dose only		1-May
July 5			15-May
July 12			30-May
July 19			14-Jun
July 26			28-Jun

- This table is a tentative guideline; timelines may change due to vaccine availability.
- AstraZeneca is not included in this table as we await advice on the use of AstraZeneca for timing of second doses.



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