

September 30, 2021

Venture Heights Elementary School
801 Sixth Street North
Martensville, SK S0K 2T2

Dear Staff, Parents, Guardians and Students

RE: Notice to Staff, Students and Visitors of COVID-19 Outbreak in Venture Heights Elementary School

Public Health staff are investigating multiple cases of COVID-19 at Venture Heights Elementary School. If staff or students are identified as being in the classroom of a confirmed COVID-19 case, they will receive a letter with directions from Public Health.

We strongly recommend that everyone who is eligible gets both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series, including all household members of students and staff members.

If anyone develops symptoms, they must self-isolate at home and seek testing immediately. Should you require medical attention, it is important to call ahead to your health care provider's office so arrangements can be made for you to be seen a way that reduces the chance of exposing other individuals.

The additional measures to manage the outbreak include:

- Canceling in-person events involving whole school (such as a school wide assembly).
- Classrooms that are impacted by a positive case will remain in their classroom cohort until the end of the class isolation period.
- Under the current public health order, fully vaccinated students who are symptom free, and unvaccinated students who are not considered a close contact, can continue to participate in extracurricular activities. At this time, schools will not be asking students if they are vaccinated, but trust that parents/guardians are following the extra-curricular outbreak measures.
- Providing a testing reference number of SKHR-2021-798 to 811 and the testing center if staff or students go for testing.
- Following up with a confirmatory PCR test at the testing center if a rapid/Point of Care test has been completed and is positive.
- SHA will send communication when the outbreak is declared over. An outbreak will be declared over once there has been no evidence of transmission in the school setting for 28 days.

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.

Sincerely,

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