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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Re: Contact tracing on Prairie Spirit school buses

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.

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.**

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.

Prairie Spirit is committed to creating a safe learning environment for students both in our schools and on our buses. Thank you for assisting your child in following the layers of protection that are required in school and on buses, including wearing masks correctly over the nose and mouth and using the hand sanitizer provided.

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](#).

We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. Our drivers complete cleaning protocols that include spraying the bus with a germ-killing disinfectant at least twice a day. Drivers spray the bus seats and hot spots each time their bus is empty.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tracey Young, Deputy Director
Prairie Spirit School Division