



## **RHODA HARDLOTTE MEMORIAL KEETHANOW HIGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The province announced changes to COVID-19 testing and case management guidelines. The changes include:

- Effective immediately, asymptomatic residents who receive a positive COVID-19 result on a rapid antigen test will no longer be recommended to receive a confirmatory PCR test. Whether you have received a positive test result through a rapid antigen test or a PCR test, all residents are required to self-isolate and notify their contacts as part of COVID-19 case management protocols.
- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic residents who receive a positive COVID-19 result on a rapid antigen test or PCR test will be required to self-isolate for five days, down from 10 days.

The full new release can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2021/december/30/updating-covid-19-testing-and-case-management-guidelines>.

Dr. Shahab also confirmed that schools can return to in-class learning following the holiday break, with continued measures in place including masking and rapid testing. The Government of Saskatchewan continues to encourage all residents who are eligible to receive their vaccine or booster shot as soon as possible.

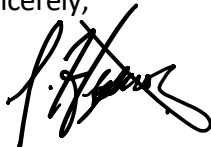
We know that as the transmissible variant Omicron becomes dominant in our province, we are likely to see increases to the number of cases in schools. Public health has advised that infections can and do occur in fully vaccinated individuals, but evidence suggests cases in vaccinated individuals and children are not severe. Public health has also advised that it is important to resume in-class learning as normally and safely as possible, as it is important for children's health and development. With that in mind, we are continuing to follow our safety protocols. It is recommended that all staff and students continue to wear properly fitting, three layer masks. Students and staff that

are high-risk, may want to consider wearing medical masks. Families and staff are also encouraged to get fully vaccinated (including booster if eligible), to make regular use of rapid tests and to stay home when you are sick. These multiple measures will help support the continuation of in-class learning as we continue to learn to live with COVID-19 in our daily lives.

Staff and Students are encouraged to do a rapid test prior to each week of classes. Many families have already been provided with rapid tests through community dispersion, which are free of charge, are also available at a number of community locations around the province. A full list of locations is available here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-information/rapid-testing/locations-for-rapid-antigen-self-test-kits>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Hepworth', written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Scott Hepworth  
Principal  
Rhoda Hardlotte Memorial Keethanow High School