

September 14, 2021

Dear Families of Light of Christ Catholic Schools,

On September 12, 2021, a Public Health Order regarding Mandatory Isolation came into effect for the province of Saskatchewan. The Order allows fully vaccinated persons to be exempted from the requirement to self-isolate and provides exceptions from self-isolation for school-aged children to reduce the societal burden associated with parental or guardian absence from work, and to ensure children can continue in-person learning.

This is what the Order means for all students of Light of Christ Catholic Schools:

- a) A student who is not fully vaccinated, and is a close contact of an individual with COVID-19 due to exposure at a school, is exempt from self-isolation if:
  - i. The student does not have or display symptoms; **and**
  - ii. The student wears a mask at all times while attending school. The mask may only be removed when the student is seated and eating or drinking.
- b) For greater certainty, a student whose self-isolation is exempted **shall not**:
  - i. Attend at a school other than the school where the student was exposed to COVID-19;
  - ii. Attend or remain at a school for any purpose other than attending classes. Participation in extracurricular activities would not be allowed.
  - iii. Students must also follow the provincial self-isolation directions outside of school hours.
- c) A student whose self-isolation is exempted may continue to ride the bus.

If an unvaccinated student is exposed to COVID-19 and considered a close contact due to exposure **outside of a school setting**, such as at a community event or through personal contacts, he or she is no longer exempt from self-isolation during school time and must follow the provincial self-isolation directions. The student will be required to learn from home.

To view the Order of September 12, 2021, please go to <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/public-health-measures/public-health-orders/provincial-order--mandatory-isolation.pdf>.

The school year has just begun, and unfortunately COVID-19 is present in our communities. Please continue to be vigilant. If children are sick, please keep them at home.

We will continue to utilize and depend on our EDSBY platform as our main mode of communication with our parents, caregivers, and families. If you have not already done so, we ask that you accept the EDSBY invite from your child's school and set up your account to receive notifications directly to your mobile device:

- EDSBY Link: <https://loccsd.edsby.com/>
- Video: How to set up notifications in EDSBY: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkCbm-dtnhE&t=8s>
- LOCCS EDSBY video help page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCou5YSnLdJF190FBXpggE9w/videos>

We also ask that you also consider downloading the EDSBY app on your mobile device. This way, you can receive all important notifications from our school, and our division office, at any time.

The health and safety of our students, families and employees remains our priority. Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support. We will continue to update and inform you as more information becomes available.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Mr. Cory Rideout, Director of Education