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**To:** Horizon School Division Families  
**From:** Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education  
**Date:** January 4, 2022  
**Re:** Changes to COVID-19 testing and case management guidelines  
**Cc:** Horizon Board of Education  
Horizon Senior Leadership Team  
School Principal

Good evening, Horizon Families.

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season surrounded by your loved ones. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to our schools tomorrow, Wednesday, January 5, 2022. As always, the health and safety of our students is of utmost importance to us and we wish to provide you with some important updates regarding our return to school following the break.

As per the recommendation of Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer (CMHO), we are encouraging everyone to perform rapid antigen tests on a regular basis. If you require testing kits, please contact your school principal. Testing kits are also available at various locations across the province. Please see [Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca) for details on where you can access these Rapid Testing Kits.

### ***Positive Test Result***

To help us with managing cases in our schools, we encourage you to continue to notify your school's principal in the event your child tests positive for COVID-19. Parents of children who test positive for COVID-19, are encouraged to call HealthLine 811.

### ***Positive Case Notification***

We will continue to send notifications of cases to families in the following manner:

1. When notified of a positive COVID-19 case by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), we will send a general letter to all families and provide the SHA letter to only those families affected.
2. When notified of a positive rapid test, we will provide notification of a presumptive case to the impacted school, with information regarding the classroom(s) impacted.

**Horizon School Division 2021-22 COVID-19 Strategy**

Changes have been made to the **Horizon School Division 2021-22 COVID-19 Strategy** as found on the Horizon School Division [website](#). Please feel free to review the plan at your convenience and speak with your principal if you have any questions. As of Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Horizon is at:

- Level 3 of the Levels of Concern;
- Level 2 of Horizon School Division Physical Education COVID-19 Protocol;
- Level 2 of Horizon School Division Performing Arts COVID-19 Protocol; and
- Level 2 of Horizon School Division Return to Sport COVID-19 Protocol.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep children and staff safe. Please contact your school principal or Horizon Central Office at 306-682-2558 or [horizon@horizonsd.ca](mailto:horizon@horizonsd.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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