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To: Horizon School Division Families
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Date: January 5, 2022
Re: Horizon COVID-19 Strategy/Government of Saskatchewan Media Release
Cc: Horizon Board of Education
Horizon Senior Leadership Team
School Principals

Good evening, Horizon Families.

I hope and trust your child's first day of school after the break went well. Today's Government of Saskatchewan media release, ([Province Outlines Steps For Schools To Continue Safely](#)), included an updated close contact protocol. Please see Page 2 to view this process flowchart from the link above as it provides excellent direction on how to address a situation where your child is a close contact. Please be aware that the flowchart will also be available on your school's website and at www.horizonsd.ca. Feel free to print it off and post it for your family to reference.

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test Results

As per the direction from Public Health and prior practice, parents of students who test positive for COVID-19 from either a Rapid Antigen Test or a PCR test are required to report this positive result to the school principal. As noted in the communication from last night, my office will be notified by the school using our electronic form that principals fill out and we will continue to send out communications to the families of the class or bus route who are considered close contacts. All children on a bus or in a classroom where a positive case occurred will be deemed close contacts. Please follow the flowchart attached to this letter to determine the necessary steps for your child and family.

Student Athlete Testing Requirement

I would like to draw your attention to the [Horizon School Division Return to Sport COVID-19 Protocol](#). As mentioned, Horizon is at Level 2 of the protocol. With a view to try and keep these types of extracurricular activities operating, it is expected that all winter sports athletes shall be required to conduct a Rapid Antigen Test prior to a competition. Positive COVID-19 results will need to be reported to the principal but neither staff nor volunteers will administer or view the test results. Students will either self test (with parent permission) or have a parent conduct the test in the morning prior to the competition. When testing is required after a competition, Rapid Antigen Testing will be conducted 2 days after the competition (eg. Monday after a weekend tournament). Rapid Antigen Tests can be accessed at the school for student use or can be provided to families for this purpose as well as for regular testing.

Once again, thank you for your continued support as we work to keep children and staff safe. Please contact your principal or Horizon Central Office at 306-682-2558 or horizon@horizonsd.ca if you have questions. Take care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin C. Garinger', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Saskatchewan Schools: Student Close Contact Protocol

Province-wide mask mandate applies to all students.

