

October 1, 2021

Dear Families of Light of Christ Catholic Schools,

On September 30, 2021, amendments were made to the most recent Public Health Order regarding mandatory isolation. The Order still allows **fully vaccinated persons to be exempt from the requirement to self-isolate** and provides some exemptions 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 students of Light of Christ Catholic Schools:

- a) A student who is not fully vaccinated, and deemed a close contact of an individual with COVID-19, is exempt from self-isolation, for the purposes of attending school, 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 who is exempt from self-isolation, for the purposes of attending school, **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 exempt may also continue to ride the bus.
- d) **If an unvaccinated student is deemed a close contact due to an exposure to COVID-19 in their household, the exemption for the purposes of attending school will no longer apply. In this case, the student must self-isolate and cannot attend school.**

**A reminder that:**

- If your child is unvaccinated, deemed a close contact, and exempt from self-isolation, this exemption does not apply outside of school (ie. Extra-curricular activities, sleepovers, play dates, etc.).
- If your child is deemed a close contact outside of school, we ask that you please notify your school.
- If your child has been required to self-isolate and then obtains a negative test (rapid, PCR, etc.) during the self-isolation period, they must continue to isolate for the isolation period as directed by SHA.

To view the Order of September 30, 2021, please go to <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/-/media/files/coronavirus/public-health-measures/public-health-orders/provincial-order---masking-and-isolation-september-30-2021.pdf>.

We are now one month into the school year, and unfortunately COVID-19 is still present and highly prevalent in our communities. Please continue to be vigilant. **If children are sick, we ask that you please keep them at home and not allow them to return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours.**

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