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Turtleford School 336 Birk St, Turtleford, SK S0M 2Y0

RE: Notice to Staff, Students and Visitors of COVID-19 Outbreak in Turtleford School

Public Health staff are investigating multiple cases of COVID-19 in Turtleford School. When an outbreak has been declared, it is assumed that there is an ongoing risk of exposure within the school and a classroom notification may not be sent with each additional case in the school during the outbreak.

We strongly recommend that everyone who is eligible, including all household members of students and staff members, gets both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series.

If anyone develops symptoms, they must self-isolate at home and seek testing immediately. Should you require medical attention, it is important to call ahead to your health care provider's office so arrangements can be made for you to be seen in a way that reduces the chance of exposing other individuals.

As an additional measure to control this outbreak, I ask that all pupils in pre-kindergarten, grades 6 and the transition class (grades 10, 11, 12) get tested for COVID-19. This will allow early detection and isolation of those who may be infected but are still asymptomatic. Depending on the evolution of the outbreak, this measure may be repeated at a later stage. Not fully vaccinated staff associated with the above-mentioned grades should also get tested.

For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at <u>www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19</u>.

Sincerely,

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