

For immediate release

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The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) has identified two positive COVID-19 cases associated with Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD).

An individual at École Vickers Public School has tested positive for COVID-19. The division is hoping the recovery is quick and thorough and we extend our get-well wishes to the members of the school community and offer our support to the family. We also extend our support to the staff and students of the school.

As this is the second case in a non-household setting, the SHA is confirming an active outbreak at École Vickers Public School and continues to investigate accordingly with full cooperation from SRPSD. More information on active COVID outbreaks is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus "Latest Updates"](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus/LatestUpdates).

SRPSD also learned from the SHA that an individual at John Diefenbaker Public School has tested positive for COVID-19. Once again, the division is hoping for a quick and full recovery and extends its support to the individual, their family as well as the staff and students of the school.

The school division was informed of these positive COVID-19 test results earlier today and communication has been shared with the classrooms/cohorts, the connected staff, as well as with the school communities. Privacy concerns prevent sharing of further details of the cases in question.

All SRPSD schools are currently enjoying the winter break and will be returning to remote learning on Monday, January 4, 2021 as recommended by our local office of medical health. In-person classroom instruction is scheduled to resume on Monday, January 18 2021.

The division deeply appreciates the support that students, parents and community members have demonstrated, especially as the number of cases in our region climbs. We all share responsibility to minimize the risk of COVID transmission. Despite the challenges, it is important that students, families and community members continue to:

- be diligent in performing the daily health screening and self-monitoring,
- stay home if ill,
- call the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms,
- practice proper hand hygiene,
- maintain physical distancing as much as possible,
- wear a mask when appropriate, and,
- do whatever we can to keep each other safe.

The division is thankful to have such a cohesive team of administration and staff supported by our partners in Health.