#### **Education Centre**

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Robert Bratvold, Director of Education

December 30, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Students,

Saskatchewan Rivers

Public School Division

Excellence for Every Learner

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and that the break has provided some relaxation and rejuvenation. As we prepare for the return to school and with the presence of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Omicron Variant, we are recommending additional measures for our safe return to school.

After collaboration with our local Medical Health Officer Dr. Chokani, and the Communicable Disease team, we are recommending families consider the following:

- Take a Rapid Antigen Tests daily or every second day before the school start (free Rapid Antigen Test kits are available at locations attached to this letter).
- Monitor for symptoms daily, and do not send your child to school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or cold or flu symptoms.
- All students and staff who have been in contact with a Covid -19 positive individual in the last two weeks are encouraged to have a PCR test before returning to in-class learning. Free PCR test walk-in or drive-thru locations are attached to this letter.
- Continue to use all the layers of protection, such as practicing proper hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing, and wearing a mask when appropriate.

Additionally, vaccination clinic dates and times are widely available in the community via pharmacies and pop-up clinics (vaccinations are available for children age 5 and older and boosters available for adults and children based on eligibility criteria timeframes. Vaccine information can be found at <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine</a>).

- Drive-thru and walk-in testing are available at the Cone Shop (9th St and 6th Ave E Prince Albert), open 7 days a week -8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- If you cannot use the drive-thru testing site, call 811 for other testing options. We also strongly urge everyone to continue to follow all Public Health advisements, orders, and protocols.

All SRPSD schools are scheduled to return Monday January 3, 2022 unless Public Health announcements determine otherwise. COVID-19 and its' variants are present in the community and we encourage everyone to protect themselves and our youth. Thank you for considering these recommendations, and we look forward to returning to school in the new year.

Yours in Education,

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Robert Bratvold, Director of Education

## SHA COVID -19 Test Sites

#### **PRINCE ALBERT**

The Cone Shop Car Wash 890 6th Ave. E Open every day:

Drive-thru and walk-in testing: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

December 31: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. January 1, 2022: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

January 2, 2022: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SHELLBROOK Parkland Integrated Health Centre (Shellbrook Hospital) 100 Dr. J. L. Spencer Dr.

Behind hospital on Dr. Fung Dr.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:

• Walk-in testing: 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

• Walk-in testing: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday:

• Assessment: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

December 31: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

January 2, 2022: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed on January 1, 2022

811 can be accessed for testing information as well as the SHA website for testing sites:

https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/all-z/covid-19-saskatchewan/covid-19-drive-thru-and-walk-testing.

# **Rapid Antigen Kit Sites**

## Website link to Rapid test kit pick up locations:

https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-information/rapid-testing/locations-for-rapid-antigen-self-test-kits?userLat=50.454722&userLong=-104.60666

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Wakaw Co-op
223 1 St S, Wakaw, SK SOK 4P0
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions

Town of Wakaw
121 Main Street, Wakaw, SK SOK 4P0
Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:30am – 4:00pm | Get Directions

Kinistino Co-op
219 Kinistino Ave, Kinistino, SK SOJ 1H0
Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions

Village of St. Louis
172 Riverside Dr, Saint Louis, SK SOJ 2C0
Monday – Friday: 830 a.m. – noon, 1– 4:30 p.m. | Get Directions

Birch Hills Co-op
1 Wilson Street, Birch Hills, SK SOJ 0G0
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
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Prince Albert Co-op
    777 801 15 St E, Prince Albert, SK S6V 0C7
    Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
Prince Albert COVID Test and Assessment Site
    1200 24 St W, Prince Albert, SK S6V 4B2
    Monday to Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Get Directions
Gateway Mall Administration Office
    1403 Central Ave, Prince Albert, SK S6V 7J4
    Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - noon & 1 - 4 p.m. | Get Directions
Town of Hafford
    106 Main St, Hafford, SK SOJ 1A0
    Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Get Directions
Hafford Branch Library
    17 Main St, Hafford, SK SOJ 1A0
    Tuesdays/Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Get Directions
Shellbrook COVID Test and Assessment Site
    Behind Parkland Integrated Health Centre (Shellbrook hospital) Dr. Fung Drive
    Monday to Sunday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Get Directions
Shellbrook Home Centre
    SK-55 & Saskatchewan 3, Shellbrook, SK SOJ 2E0
    Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
Paddockwood Co-op
    1 Main St Paddockwood, SK SOJ 1ZO
    Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
Shell Lake Co-op
    Main St, Shell Lake, SK SOJ 2G0
    Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
Candle Lake Village
    SK-265, Candle Lake, SK SOJ 3E0
    Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Get Directions
Town of Spiritwood
    212 Main St, Spiritwood, SK SOJ 2M0
    Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. - noon 12:30 - 4 p.m. | Get Directions
Spiritwood Co-op
    Box 906, Spiritwood, SK SOJ 2M0
    Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Get Directions
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