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Dear Seine River School Division Families:

Re: COVID-19 Update

I am writing to update you further on the recent announcement made by public health officials today, advising the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region **and** Southern Health Region to take extra precautionary measures related to Covid-19. Public health has indicated **that if anyone is symptomatic, or has a household member who is symptomatic, the entire household needs to self-isolate.** The symptomatic individual needs to stay in their own room and, if possible, use their own bathroom and not use common areas. This affects **ALL families in SRSD schools.**

Our school teams continue to implement “orange level” protocols and will continue to adjust to ensure the health, safety and learning needs of our students and staff are met. We recognize when families stay home there are challenges for everyone involved. We encourage symptomatic individuals to contact health links for further advice and guidance. Please remember that if someone in your family is symptomatic and does not get tested they are required to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days and be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. Health links will guide families as to whether or not they need to get tested.

We anticipate that in the coming weeks there will be a high degree of absenteeism of both staff and students. Our school teams will continue to provide “blended learning” options and temporary remote learning as required. We also anticipate that this can cause disruptions to transportation and other services and we will make our best efforts to maintain our services.

We continue to use enhanced cleaning protocols and use a fogger to disinfect surface areas quickly when a confirmed case is announced in a school. Continued cleaning of high traffic areas is of the utmost importance at this time.

Please remember to ensure that your child:

- Stays home when ill
- Continues to use Proper Hand Hygiene (either approved sanitizer or soap and water)
- Utilizes Physical Distancing as much as reasonably possible
- Continues to wear masks in the school



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Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to keep our communities safe. We do realize that these sudden changes are challenging for families, students and staff. We appreciate your support and we all need to do what we can to minimize the impact and spread of Covid-19!

Sincerely,

Michael Borgfjord
Superintendent