



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COVID-19 Cases in Living Sky School Division from Nov. 19 – 30, 2021**

A case or cases of COVID-19 were diagnosed in individuals in the following schools from Nov. 19 - 30, 2021:

- Unity Composite High School (1 case)
- Macklin School (1 case)
- Hillsvale Colony School – closed due to an outbreak\*

\*NOTE: Due to the number of cases at this school, Public Health have declared an outbreak and deemed it necessary to close the school. This means there is more than two cases in a classroom and a high risk for ongoing transmission. All eligible students and members of their households are encouraged to get tested, this will allow for early detection and isolation of those who may be infected but are still asymptomatic.

We are working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

Any individuals who were in close contact have been notified by the school or Public Health with directions. Following the division's health and safety protocols, the schools are receiving a deep cleaning/sanitizing and will remain open at this time.

Our school plans contain many important measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools including promoting proper hygiene, implementing mask wearing, maintaining cohorts, and asking students and staff to stay home when experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at [www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19).

We wish the members of the LSSD family a speedy recovery. To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further details are being shared at this time.

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*Living Sky School Division is proudly located in Treaty 6 Territory in Northwest Central Saskatchewan. It encompasses a wide geographic area including the Battlefords, many communities, villages, First Nation communities and Hutterite colonies. Currently, twenty-nine schools are located in eighteen communities. Our schools include PreK-12, elementary, high schools and alternate schools with a student population of approximately 5,300 students.*

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