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**To:** Horizon School Division Families and Staff  
**From:** Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education  
**Date:** February 8, 2022  
**Cc:** Horizon School Division Board of Education

Good afternoon, families and staff.

As many of you know, the Government of Saskatchewan announced upcoming changes to the public health orders today. We have all felt the impacts of COVID-19, and I know that adjusting to these changes has been challenging. As we have done throughout the pandemic, Horizon School Division will continue to follow the direction of our expert health officials and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Details of [today's announcement](#) from Premier Moe and CMHO Dr Shahab include the following:

- Proof of Vaccination or Negative Testing for “Workplaces and Other Public Venues” will end at 11:59 p.m. on February 13, 2022.
- Mandatory Masking for Indoor Public Spaces (including Schools) will end at 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2022.

What this means for Horizon School Division is:

- All schools will move to Level 2 in the Levels of Concern in our [COVID-19 Strategy](#) effective February 14, 2022. (The Physical Education, Performing Arts, and Return to Sport Protocols will remain at Level 2.)
- [Administrative Procedure 427 COVID-19 Vaccination and Test Verification](#) will be removed effective February 14, 2022.
- Mandatory masking requirements will be removed effective March 1, 2022. However, Horizon School Division will continue to be “Mask-Friendly” and we will support individuals who wish to wear masks in our facilities.
- The Horizon School Division COVID-19 Strategy will cease effective March 1, 2022. Proper hand hygiene, and sanitization will continue to be best practice for Horizon.

Please continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home if you are sick. The government also recommends continuing to perform rapid antigen tests regularly.

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep each other safe. Please contact your school principal or Horizon Central Office at 306-682-2558 or [horizon@horizonsd.ca](mailto:horizon@horizonsd.ca) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin C. Garinger".

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