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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Prairie Spirit announces COVID-19 vaccination policy for staff

Prairie Spirit School Division will implement an administrative procedure requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a regular negative COVID-19 test for all staff, Trustees and individuals interacting with students and staff at its schools and offices. This measure is designed to provide another layer of protection for students and staff.

The decision to proceed with the development of an administrative procedure came at the direction of the Prairie Spirit Board of Education. The full administrative procedure has been released and comes into effect on November 16, 2021. [AP-520 COVID-19 Vaccination for Employees, Trustees and Other Individuals \(spiritsd.ca\)](https://spiritsd.ca)

The Division will ask employees to either show proof of being fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or provide weekly evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result.

This policy does not apply to Prairie Spirit students. It also does not apply to parents dropping off students at school, spectators at extra-curricular activities and participants in after-hour school rentals.

Vaccination has been shown to effectively mitigate COVID-19 virus transmission and protect vaccinated individuals from severe consequences of COVID-19, including the variants currently circulating in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Health Authority strongly recommends vaccination for everyone who is eligible (both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series).

Prairie Spirit School Division

Prairie Spirit School Division is the vibrant learning-centered rural and urban school division with over 11,000 students surrounding the City of Saskatoon.

Prairie Spirit covers a wide geographic area: north to Leask, south to Hanley, east to Colonsay and west to Perdue. The school division includes nine Hutterite colonies, three First Nations communities, villages, towns and the cities of Warman and Martensville.

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Prairie Spirit School Division

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AP-520 - COVID Vaccination for Employees, Trustees and Other Individuals

Applies to:

Prairie Spirit staff, practicum students and casual/substitute staff

Board of Education Trustees

Community coaches and parent volunteer drivers

Presenters to students and staff in class

Parents and others who attend in person meetings at schools

Does not apply to:

Students

Parents dropping off children at school

Spectators at extra-curricular activities

Participants in after-hours school rentals