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Dear GYPSD Families;

We appreciate your ongoing patience and support for our schools and school staff as we continue to navigate this landscape. As you know, Alberta is currently in a *fifth* wave of the pandemic, and the CMOH has shared new information and requirements for symptomatic testing and for isolation periods.

Back in November, our Board restricted access to Division property to households with COVID-19 *positive* individuals as one way to cut down on transmission. As stated by Alberta Health Services (AHS), a *Household Contact* of a COVID-19 case is “at higher risk of getting sick with COVID-19 because of how much and what kind of contact they have with the person who has COVID-19.” AHS’s recommendation for household contacts who are “not fully immunized [is] to stay home for 10 days”.

We will continue to restrict access to Division property to household members of COVID-19 cases to **align** with the COVID-19 positive individual isolation period, **as outlined by Alberta Health Services:**

- Fully vaccinated (2 doses or 1 dose Janssen): isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer, if symptoms are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition. For 5 days following isolation, wear a mask at all times when around others outside of home.
- Not fully vaccinated (1 dose or less): isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms or until they resolve, whichever is longer, if symptoms are not related to a pre-existing illness or health condition.

Students will be supported with online or paper packages to ensure continuity of learning during the isolation period.

Again, we encourage everyone who is eligible to get fully vaccinated.

Please reach out to your school principal if you have any questions about accessing your child’s learning materials.

Sincerely,

Dale Karpluk

Dale Karpluk (Jasper)
Board Chair

Cc: Board of Trustees
Carolyn Lewis, Superintendent of Schools

