



Christ the Teacher

ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION #212

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Dear CTTCS Families:

On September 29th, the Saskatchewan Health Authority proclaimed that schools with students aged 11 and under will be provided with self-test kits for families to participate in a home self-test program (the full SHA media release can be found at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2021/september/29/test-to-protect--expansion-of-covid-19-self-testing>). More specifically, the Saskatchewan Health Authority provided the following details about the self-testing program in schools:

Self-Test Expansion via Schools

The Saskatchewan Health Authority has provided a new supply of 475,000 self-tests to Saskatchewan elementary schools, expanding the self-test at home pilot throughout the province. The program targets households with students under age 11 years as these students are not yet eligible for vaccination.

As of October 4, if you have a child age 11 years and under attending school, you may contact that school about receiving home self-testing kits for the use of students age 11 years and under, as well as all household members. More information will soon arrive in your child's backpack.

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division expects to receive the division's first allocation of self-testing kits starting the week of October 4th to distribute to the schools with students 11 years old and under. Students aged 12 and older are not included in this program. The process of receiving and delivering self-testing kits will take time, so we ask for patience as we ensure schools receive their allotted supply in a timely manner. CTTCS encourages you to learn more about the program by following the QR code links located on the SHA document "COVID-19 and Children" that accompany this letter.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact your school to indicate that you wish to receive a kit. The supply of self-test kits will be limited as CTTCS' initial shipment will be equivalent to approximately 15% of our students aged 11 and under. If you are unable to receive a kit during the first distribution, please ensure that your school is aware that you would like to receive a self-test kit when the school receives another shipment.

Sincerely,

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