



# SPARLING SCHOOL



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Hello Sparling School families,

We are at the end of our second week of classes since the Winter Break.

Since classes resumed, we have been monitoring our absence rates closely, but are also aware that the cancellation of school buses did increase the number of students who were not able to be in class.

Today, with buses running again, we have about 23% of our school's students away. We don't know the exact reason that each person is absent but that is a much higher absence rate than usual.

As you know, we rely on families to notify us if their children have tested positive or are a household close contact, because there is no Alberta Health Services contact tracing in place for schools at this time. When students must remain at home, our teachers will endeavour to make work available.

We are hearing that COVID case numbers are growing in the local area and we have been notified about numerous people directly connected to our school who have tested positive. This impacts all of our classes.

Our school was fortunate to receive the government-supplied shipment of masks and rapid test kits earlier this week. They were sent home on Wednesday.

We continue to be grateful to everyone for following the Alberta Health Services guidelines and keeping children at home when they are unwell and using the [Daily Self-Assessment Checklist](#).

We wish you all good health!

Sincerely,

Andrea Gutmann, Principal

Jonathan Skinner, Assistant Principal