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Chinook implements proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative testing for staff

The Premier of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, Saskatchewan Medical Association and provincial Medical Health Officers, along with the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and Saskatchewan School Boards Association, have all encouraged school divisions in the province to develop administrative procedures for proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative testing for staff. As responsible employers and citizens, Chinook School Division's priority is to help keep employees, students and families safe as they work, learn and play in our schools and facilities.

Along with other school boards across the province, the Chinook Board of Education passed a motion for the development of a new Health and Safety - Vaccination and COVID-19 Testing Administrative Procedure, which is being implemented for all staff. Chinook employees will make a choice to either show proof of fully vaccinated status by November 5, 2021 or submit weekly negative test results starting on November 15, 2021.

Staff who choose to provide weekly negative COVID-19 test results will receive a supply of rapid antigen self-test kits from the school division. By December 1, 2021, the Board will review the number of tests that will be required and determine if they will extend the time period to cover the cost of the COVID-19 self-testing kits or if the cost will be the responsibility of the employee beyond December 31, 2021.

The proof of vaccination or negative test requirement will apply to all Chinook School Division employees, board members, and other individuals defined in Section 1 of the Administrative Procedure. This procedure does not apply to students or to individuals, including parents and caregivers, who visit the school infrequently for short periods of time.

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