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Hello Chester Ronning School families.

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

At our school, we have not yet received the government-supplied shipment of masks and rapid test kits, but we will let you know as soon as we do. We have been assured it will be received soon.

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 20% of our school's students away. We don't know the exact reason that each person is absent but that is a higher absence rate than usual, and the reason that we are sending this communication.

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

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

We wish you all good health!

Sincerely,

Reid Lansing, Principal

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