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## News Release

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### **Lester B. Pearson School moving to online learning**

Saskatoon Public Schools and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) have collaboratively decided to move Lester B. Pearson School to Level 4 of the provincial Safe Schools Plan. This means all classes will move to online learning effective Monday, December 14, through Friday, December 18, and there will be no in-class instruction.

On Friday, the SHA declared an outbreak at the school. Several positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified at the school in recent days, which has resulted in the temporary closure of a number of classrooms as close contacts were directed to self-isolate. These disruptions have made it difficult for staff to deliver instruction for all students.

The school is expected to return to in-class instruction on Monday, January 4, following the holiday break. Communication about the school closure has been shared with the school community. The SHA will continue to monitor and support the school.

Since the start of the school year, Saskatoon Public Schools has had 135 positive cases at 42 locations in the division – 41 schools and the board office. One other school, Centennial Collegiate, is currently operating at Level 4 with all learning taking place online. In-person classes at Centennial Collegiate are expected to resume January 4.

The safety of our students and staff members is our priority. The safety protocols our schools have put in place are critical to reducing the risk of transmission. Mask requirements, proper hand hygiene, physical distancing when possible, and cohorting classes are all measures our schools have implemented to help protect students and staff members. These measures will significantly reduce the spread of the virus.

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