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To: RRVSD Community

From: Brad Curtis, Superintendent & CEO

Re: COVID-19 UPDATE #25

All resources and further updates for the RRVSD Community will be posted on our website: www.rrvsd.ca

## COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kits available for students in Grades K-6

The Manitoba Government has announced that COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kits will be available for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The test kit contains five rapid antigen COVID-19 tests that parents can administer to each child every three or four days as students return to school in January 2022.

**Participation is voluntary** and children who do not take the rapid antigen test will be allowed to return to school in January. Rapid antigen tests are another tool that can help screen for COVID-19 and can provide peace of mind to parents and caregivers. Anyone who tests positive with the rapid antigen tests would then take a confirmatory PCR COVID-19 test prior to entering school.

At this time, we await additional information from the Manitoba Government. We will update RRVSD families via School Messenger regarding test availability, possible pick-up sites, dates and times in your school community.

Again, only students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 are eligible to receive a COVID-19 Rapid Antigen test kit.

Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.