



Siksika Board of Education

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RE: SBE Schools

Oki Parents/Guardians,

Siksika Board of Education (SBE) will be moving students to remote learning **effective Monday, September 20th, 2021 and return to school on October 12th, 2021**. Although SBE schools have commenced with the highest precautionary measures, we are challenged by the Delta strain of Covid-19 that has the tendency to spread more rapidly amongst our younger population. With this higher transmission rate, our younger population is at risk to the variant.

Vaccinations began in the SBE schools on September 1st, 2021, but not at a high enough rate. We would like to encourage parents to get your child vaccinated within the next few weeks, in order to mitigate the positive cases on Siksika Nation. Along with Siksika Health Services (SHS), we highly encourage parents and family members to get vaccinated, as this will reduce transmission among our school aged children and the vulnerable population.

In collaboration with Siksika Health Services, **in-school Covid-19 vaccinations** will be available in school throughout October for eligible students born in 2009 or earlier. Consent must be completed by a parent or guardian for your child to be immunized at school. Please contact SHS for further information. SHS also provides **walk-in vaccinations** at the Siksika Health & Wellness Centre – Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. In addition, Siksika Home Care (403-734-5695) is currently offering **mobile immunization** (including in-home) by appointment.

Please note Responsibilities of Parents:

The most important daily responsibility of parents/guardians is to screen your child every morning to ensure they are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. This screening must be conducted for each child prior to boarding the school bus or being dropped off by the parents/guardians.

SBE's 2021-2022 handbook is available on the SBE website: <http://siksikaed.com>. If you have any questions, please contact the Siksika Board of Education office or your child's Principal.

Yours in Education,

*Lenora Rabbit Carrier
SBE Superintendent*

