

JUNE 2021

335
new cases the week of June 21.

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The Government of Saskatchewan announces all public health measures will be lifted July 11, even though its own target of 70% vaccination rate to do so has not been met.

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Premier Scott Moe says there will be no proof of vaccination requirement in Saskatchewan.

"We most certainly don't have the ability then to demand that people would show a proof of vaccination for whether or not they would attend any large event."

Sourced from [Global News](#).

JULY 2021

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The government holds final public weekly COVID-19 update, declares state of emergency to end.

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All public health orders are removed; no restrictions in place. On Twitter, Premier Moe encourages everyone to "enjoy a great Saskatchewan summer." Education Sector Response Planning Team is disbanded, as its creation was tied to the public health orders.

AUGUST 2021

1,577
new cases the week of August 23.

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The STF Executive calls on the government to make vaccines mandatory for all eligible staff and students.

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The government releases recommendations for schools, leaving all decisions on COVID-19 measures to local school divisions, and by extension schools, despite calls for more strict measures from the [Saskatchewan Medical Association and Saskatchewan College of Family Physicians](#).

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Minister Duncan defends the government's decision not to require masks, despite doctors' recommendations.

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Minister Merriman pushes back against restrictions, mandatory vaccines amid rising COVID-19 cases. He states mandating vaccines in any way would be an infringement of personal freedoms.

"I don't know why it has to be a government mandate, the individual should make the choice whether they want to be vaccinated or not ... if people don't want to be vaccinated, that's their choice."

Sourced from [CTV Regina](#).

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5:

- 949 active cases in 0-19 year olds

- 16.2% positivity rate

SEPTEMBER 2021

SEPTEMBER 6-12:

- 1,217 active cases in 0-19 year olds

- 15% positivity rate

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A number of school divisions implement mandatory masking within elementary and high schools.

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Saskatchewan continues to have one of the lowest vaccination rates in the country, no remaining public health restrictions and climbing hospitalizations. Due to the current situation, doctors plead for changes as shared in a [StarPhoenix](#) article.

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New measures put in place, requiring mandatory isolation for those testing positive for COVID-19. The Saskatchewan Health Authority announces reduction in non-critical and elective services.

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Premier Moe reiterates his position against a provincewide vaccine mandate, while developing a system that will help municipal governments and businesses impose their own.

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New Public Health Order announced making isolation mandatory for unvaccinated close contacts. Students are exempt for the purposes of attending school, including riding the bus.

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New Public Health Order begins to make masking mandatory in indoor places across the province. Proof of vaccination required starting October 1.

- **147 SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE CASES**
- **78 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

The STF issues a [public call](#) for improved measures to protect children from COVID-19.

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The SHA announces they have hit a critical point in the pandemic and must temporarily slow elective procedures across the province.

Sourced from [CTV Regina](#).

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STF local association presidents pass a unanimous motion for an immediate request for reinstatement of the Education Sector RPT.

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Business Sector Response Planning Team reinstated.

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STF formally requests reinstatement of Education Sector RPT. Three weeks later a response confirming receipt of request is received.

- **198 SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE CASES**
- **104 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

SEPTEMBER 20-26:

- 1,665 active cases in 0-19 year olds

- 14.3% positivity rate

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The STF states that isolation exemption for schoolmates of COVID-19-positive students is "illogical."

Sourced from [CBC](#).

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- **229 SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE CASES**
- **117 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

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Organ donations are suspended due to COVID-19 surge.

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- **172 SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE CASES**
- **82 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 3:

- 1,527 active cases

- 15.1% positivity rate

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Minister Merriman declines pandemic-related support from the federal government.

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Public Health Order is amended, requiring students who are close contacts due to an exposure at home to isolate; students who are close contacts as a result of all other settings are still exempt.

OCTOBER 2021

3,400
new cases the week of October 4.

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Positive cases in children and youth have increased 10 fold to 1,562 over 13 weeks, since July 5.

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Saskatchewan continues to have some of the highest rates of cases and hospitalizations in Canada.

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ICU Dr. Hassan Masri informs the public that 200 surgeries per day have been and continue to be cancelled across Saskatchewan.

Sourced from [CBC](#).

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- **159 SCHOOLS WITH ACTIVE CASES**
- **70 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

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- **80 SCHOOLS WITH OUTBREAKS**

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More than 100 Saskatchewan schools declared COVID-19 outbreaks.

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Wastewater tests show a Thanksgiving weekend surge: 109% in Saskatoon; 61% in Prince Albert; and 124% in North Battleford.

Sourced from [StarPhoenix](#).

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Government announced six Saskatchewan ICU patients were being sent to Ontario for care.

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It was revealed that the government asked for COVID-19 assistance from a number of US states before making a formal request to the federal government. The US states denied any support.

Sourced from [CBC](#).