



September 24th, 2020

Dear families,

We knew it would be an exceptional school year and we thank you for all your daily efforts to help us keep our protocols in place. We are able to maintain a safe environment for students and staff, thanks to your vigilance in screening your children for symptoms.

Public Health staff are investigating a case of COVID-19 at École Notre-Dame. The virus is passed from person to person by large, respiratory droplets, like from a cough or sneeze. This means that a person would need to have direct contact with droplets from a sick person or surfaces that they have recently touched. The risk of the general population in the school becoming infected because of these cases is low.

At this point, all students and staff who had close contact with the confirmed case were contacted by the Public Health staff.

To help minimize spread of any respiratory virus we always recommend the following:

- Make sure everyone in your household washes their hands with soap and water often. If soap and water are not available, you can use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if hands are not visibly dirty.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it in a garbage bin lined with a plastic bag.
- Wash your hands immediately after that. If you don't have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve.
- Stay home if you're sick. If your kids are sick, keep them home from school.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are used often and shared by everyone in your home such as door knobs, light switches and bathroom taps.
- Practice physical distancing outside the home (at least 2 metres) and wear a mask in public spaces if social distancing is not possible.
- Ensure your child's immunizations are up to date, including their annual influenza immunization.

For further information regarding COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/default.aspx> the AHS website for COVID-19 or call Health Link at 811 if there are any questions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the protocols in place at the school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely


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