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COVID-19 Notification Ecole St Paul School

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To our École St Paul School families,

Alberta Health Services continues to work closely with Fort McMurray Catholic Schools to support and manage the safety of our schools. Fort McMurray Catholic School Division received notice of a positive case of COVID-19 in relation to École St Paul School.

To date, AHS has notified the Division that there are now **three** COVID-19 cases in relation to the school. Alberta Health Services has advised these cases are **NOT** the result of in school transmission. At this time, based on advice from AHS, École St Paul School will remain open.

Please note there are no additional requirements for any students or staff to self – isolate due to this positive case of COVID-19.

Alberta Government [K-12 school re-entry guidance](#) states that "If a student is a close contact of someone confirmed to have COVID-19, they must quarantine and stay home for 14 days . . . Additionally, all of these classmates should also be tested for COVID-19. Even if a classmate of a case is tested and the result is negative, they still must complete the 14 day quarantine."

As you are aware, on September 27th, Fort McMurray Catholic School Division received notice there is an "outbreak" at École St Paul School. Please see [this letter from Alberta Health Services](#) for more information.

The Alberta Government defines an outbreak as: If there are TWO OR MORE confirmed cases in your school setting (staff/child) within a 14-day period (one incubation period) OR two or more confirmed cases (staff/child) that are epidemiologically linked.

As we shared previously, we continue our focus on preventing the spread of COVID-19. Our custodial services team is conducting enhanced cleaning protocols. Additional cleaning is focusing on areas where the individual was present, along with high-touch areas and surfaces throughout the school.

Out of respect to these individuals and in accordance with Alberta Health Services guidelines, we cannot disclose personal details of the individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19.

We remind families to monitor for any signs or [symptoms of COVID-19](#) using the [Alberta Health Screening Questionnaire](#). Please remember to complete the checklist each day prior to attending school. If you or a member of your family has any of the symptoms of illness listed, please fill out the online Alberta Health Services [COVID-19 self-assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811.

The health and safety of our staff, students and community is paramount. We know this news can be distressing for families and supports are available. Please be assured we will continue to work closely with Alberta Health Services to ensure we follow their ongoing recommendations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Claudette Fidler, École St Paul School Principal

George McGuigan, Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Superintendent

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