



September 11, 2020

Dear Leo Nickerson Families,

We have been notified by Alberta Health Services (AHS), Centre for Disease Control (CDC) that an outbreak, 2 confirmed cases, has been declared at the SIGIS Out of School Care classroom attached to Leo Nickerson School. The outbreak is limited to the one classroom of SIGIS. It does NOT extend to the school or the SIGIS portable location.

At this time, no other cases have been reported and there has been no exposure to students at the school.

The CDC stated that the students from the out of school care classroom **were not at school** while in the communicable stage.

Families of the SIGIS Out of School Care program were notified on Sunday, September 6th and directed students to isolate for 14 days and be tested. Students are being supported with learning packages provided by the classroom teacher for the time they are away from school.

We understand that this case highlights the challenges we all face to ensure that COVID-19 does not spread into the school community. We ask for the diligence of our families in ensuring that even mild symptoms are taken seriously, in spite of the inconvenience and frustration of missed school and work. Keep children at home if they present with any symptoms, use the daily health screening tool, call 811 and follow AHS instructions for testing, isolating and not returning to school until a negative test has been obtained and symptoms have resolved.

We care deeply for every one of our students and families. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected. I appreciate the part each of you are playing to keep our school community as safe as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 780.459.4426.

Sincerely,

Helen Nowell
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