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Dear Queen Elizabeth parents, families and guardians,

Today, Alberta Health Services (AHS) let us know that a sixth person from our school has tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, **42 students and 2 staff members** need to self-isolate and monitor for symptoms.

We are contacting all families with children who are required to self-isolate, and we will support those students so they can continue to learn at home.

Because our school has more than five cases, we have now been added to the [provincial watch list](#). Provincial health officials have confirmed that our school is safe and may remain open, and that the contact tracing system is working to quickly identify close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

While cases of COVID-19 are not unexpected, I want to acknowledge this news can cause significant stress and anxiety for students and families. Our school continues to work with AHS to make sure the necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. We are doing everything possible to ensure a clean and safe learning environment, while we reduce anxiety and provide high-quality teaching and learning.

Our families and students are important partners in this work.

I want to reiterate that screening for illness is a key part of our Division's safety strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19. If your child is sick or answers yes to any of the questions on the [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#), **do not send your child to school**. The checklist needs to be completed at home daily. If your child has symptoms, you need to also complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment for Albertans](#) and keep your child at home.

We are committed to keeping families up to date as more information becomes available. If you have questions about COVID-19, call 811 or visit alberta.ca/covid19. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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