



**Re: Alert Notification**

October 4, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We have been notified by Alberta Health Services (AHS) that a case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in an individual from Riverstone Public School.

The school remains open to in-person learning for all students, and we are working closely with AHS to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff. This includes cleaning and disinfecting items touched by the individual and removing and storing items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected (paper, books, etc.) in a sealed container. Our facilities staff will also have disinfected key spaces. Any students who may be directed to quarantine by AHS will be supported by the school during the designated period.

It is important that we respect the confidentiality of the individual. School administration has reached out to families whose students have been identified as close contacts to the individual that has been diagnosed. If you have not received a phone call your student has not been identified as a close contact at this time and can continue to attend in-person classes. Alberta Health Services will be contacting parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers who may have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive. The Alberta Health Services notification letter is attached to this message.

We remind parents/guardians of students, as well as any staff/visitors/volunteers to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. The Alberta Health daily checklist can be found [here](#). Please remember to complete the checklist each day prior to attending school.

If your child has any of the symptoms of illness listed on the Alberta Health daily checklist, please fill out the online Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment or call Health Link at 811 and keep your child at home.

Alberta Health Services will continue to monitor the situation and we will continue to provide additional information to parents/guardians as it is available.

If you have any questions, please contact your school.

Sincerely,

James Robinson

Deputy Superintendent

October 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of students of **Riverstone Public School**

**RE: Notice of COVID-19 to Staff, Students and Visitors in Riverstone Public School**

Public Health staff are investigating a case of COVID-19 at **Riverstone Public School**. 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.

If staff or students have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, Public Health will contact them directly for follow-up.

- If staff or students have not been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case but develop symptoms as listed on the daily screening tool, please self-isolate at home and complete the AHS COVID-19 online assessment tool or call Health Link at 811 as soon as possible to arrange for COVID-19 testing.
- If you or your child require medical attention, please call ahead to your health care provider or call Health Link at 811 to help guide you to the right care provider and make appropriate arrangements to care for yourself or your child safely.
- If this is an emergency and you or your child require urgent attention, call 911 and tell them that you or your child may have been in contact with COVID-19 so that they can make appropriate arrangements to care for you or your child safely.

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.

Thank you.

Public Health,

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