

March 6, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Alliance St-Joseph

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff:

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at this school. The individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts while the investigation continues. Note that all COVID-19 cases and contacts are currently being investigated and managed as per the enhanced provincial guidelines for the more transmissible variants of concern.

The declaration of an outbreak is made by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with provincial guidance.

Effective immediately, the declaration of an outbreak means that individuals in following cohorts are dismissed unless told otherwise by Public Health Sudbury & Districts:

- **1A**
- **Identified individuals – not linked to a specific class cohort**

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, please continue to check the school or board website for updated information. Public Health will continue to assess the outbreak and the risk to the school community and may advise additional measures. The situation will be monitored closely, and we will provide timely updates.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with the school to manage the outbreak. The school has provided Public Health with requested information including a list of all student and staff contacts and any other close contacts. Public Health will directly contact all parents of children and all school personnel who have been identified as close contacts. If you are not called by Public Health Sudbury & Districts, please continue to follow the general advice in this letter.

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1.866.522.9200

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In general, staff and students already dismissed from school as part of this situation follow these directions:

- 1A:
 - **These individuals would have already received a notification letter**
 - Isolate up to and including March 10, 2021
 - Staff and students should seek COVID -19 testing as soon as possible
 - If the test is negative, it is recommended that they receive another test on March 6, 2021
 - If they are symptomatic or becomes symptomatic at any time, they should seek testing as soon as possible
- Identified individuals – not linked to a specific class cohort
 - **These individuals would have already received a notification letter**
 - Isolate up to and including March 10, 2021
 - Staff and students should seek COVID -19 testing as soon as possible
 - If the test is negative, it is recommended that you receive another test on March 6, 2021
 - If they are symptomatic or becomes symptomatic at any time, they should seek testing as soon as possible
- For the duration of your isolation period, everyone else in their household should **stay home** except for essential reasons. Essential reasons include: attending work/school/childcare and essential errands such as groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions.
- **If the individual develops even one [symptom](#) of COVID-19**, everyone in their household is required to [self-isolate](#) until they receive a negative test result or is provided an alternative diagnosis by a healthcare professional. If they are not **not** tested, all members of your household must self-isolate for 14 days from their last exposure to the symptomatic person. Please call 705.522.9200, ext. 524 if you develop any symptoms for additional direction.

These isolation dates may be extended based on our ongoing public health investigation.

In general, staff or students not dismissed from school as part of this outbreak, the following applies:

- Simply passing by an infected person in the hallway is not considered close contact, and the risk of spreading the virus this way is extremely low.
- Continue to use the COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care (<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>) to monitor your child for symptoms and follow the direction provided.

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Remember to follow the critical ongoing COVID-19 prevention measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Stay home and isolate (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-stop-spread>) if symptoms appear
- Practice two-metre physical distancing
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained

As noted, Public Health Sudbury & Districts will directly contact all parents of children and staff who have been identified as close contacts.

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 or the measures taken to address COVID-19, please visit www.phsd.ca/COVID-19 or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

Thank you,



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