

September 16, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

**Re: Immediate dismissal of the grade 8A due to COVID-19**

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has confirmed a positive case of COVID-19 at École catholique La Renaissance.

The individual is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is advising out of an abundance of caution, all staff and students/children of the grade 8A class are considered close contacts and are **dismissed and asked to self-isolate, regardless of vaccination status**. Public Health will reach out to all affected parents/guardians and staff with additional detailed instructions as soon as possible and once their initial investigation is complete.

At this time, all individuals who are subject to this dismissal are asked to follow these **important steps, regardless of vaccination status**:

- Self-isolate away from other household members.
- Seek testing as soon as possible if fully immunized <sup>1</sup> and on or after day 7 from dismissal unless Public Health directs otherwise.
- If not fully immunized, seek testing on or after 7 days from the date of dismissal, unless Public Health directs otherwise.
- Seek additional testing **immediately** if any COVID-19 symptoms develop:
  - Fever and/or chills
  - Cough or barking cough (croup)
  - Shortness of breath
  - Decrease or loss of taste or smell
  - Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle aches and pain
  - Sore throat
  - Runny or stuffy nose
  - Abdominal pain
  - Headache
  - Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
  - Decreased or lack of appetite

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1.866.522.9200

[phsd.ca](http://phsd.ca)

Household members of the dismissed individual do not need to self-isolate if they themselves are fully immunized <sup>1</sup> (or previously positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days) and symptom-free. If there are household members who are not fully immunized (or not previously positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days), they should stay home except for essential reasons, such as attending work, school, or child care settings.

Public Health Ontario's resource [How To Care for a Child Who Needs to Self-Isolate](#) provides more information about caring for your child during self-isolation.

An investigation is currently underway. Public Health Sudbury & District will directly contact all staff and parents of students who have been identified as close contacts with further information and direction.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200) ext. 524.

Sincerely,

*Original signed*

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1. An individual is **fully immunized** if at least 14 days prior to their high-risk exposure they have received:
  - the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or any combination of such vaccines.
  - one or two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada, followed by one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine authorized by Health Canada, or
  - three doses of a COVID-19 vaccine not authorized by Health Canada.

**Il est possible de passer un test de dépistage de la COVID-19 aux endroits qui suivent.  
Appointments are required.**

Centre d'évaluation d'Horizon Santé-Nord

- 705.671.7373, de 9 h à 17 h, sept jours sur sept
- Formulaire en ligne : [demande de rendez-vous au centre d'évaluation pour la COVID-19 \(hsnsudbury.ca\)](https://hsnsudbury.ca)

Centre d'évaluation du Manitoulin Health Centre

- Mindemoya : 705.377.5311, de 9 h à 17 h, sept jours sur sept
- Little Current : 705.368.2300, de 9 h à 17 h, sept jours sur sept

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

- 705.368.2182, de 8 h 30 à 16 h, du lundi au vendredi

Centre d'évaluation d'Espanola et des environs (Nairn, McKerrow, Massey, Sagamok, Webwood, Espanola, Birch Island)

- 705.869.1420, poste 4500, de 8 h à 16 h, sept jours sur sept

Centre d'évaluation de Chapleau

- 705.864.2568, de 9 h à 17 h, du lundi au vendredi