

November 13, 2020

**RE: CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT NORTHEASTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts advised Rainbow District School Board this morning that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported at Northeastern Elementary School.

**Northeastern Elementary School remains open for in-person learning.**

The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health.

At this time, one class has been asked to self-isolate to and including November 26, 2020. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified.

Students on one morning run of Route NW524 as well as one afternoon run of Route N518 have also been asked to self-isolate. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus drivers have been notified. Public Health will follow up directly with parents/guardians of students on these bus routes.

Public Health will directly contact all parents/guardians of students and all school personnel who have been identified as **close contacts**.

**Students and staff who have been asked to stay home but are not contacted directly by Public Health must [self-isolate](#) immediately to and including November 26, 2020. They should also seek COVID-19 [testing](#) as soon as possible.**

**If you are not called by Public Health Sudbury & Districts, please continue to follow the general advice in this letter.**

**If your child is not dismissed from school as part of this case, 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/) <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor your child for symptoms and follow the direction provided.

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



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- 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](#) if symptoms appear.
- Practise two-metre physical distancing.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two metres cannot be maintained.

We continue to work closely with Public Health as we implement ongoing health and safety protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19, including enhanced cleaning and disinfecting.

We remind parents/guardians to screen their children daily for symptoms of COVID-19. Please refer to the school screening tool on the board website – [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca). Anyone who is sick must stay home.

As always, we will monitor our school population closely for any signs of COVID-19, remain vigilant, and follow the guidance from Public Health.

Public Health continues to investigate the situation and if any risks to the school community are identified, they may direct additional measures.

Updated information will be posted on the Board's COVID-19 Advisory Section at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/covid-19-advisory/>

As noted, Public Health Sudbury & Districts will directly contact all parents of students 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](http://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 ext. 524 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

As a school community, we must continue to take care of ourselves and each other.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg".

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education