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Friday, December 4, 2020

**RE: "" SECOND CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT ALGONQUIN DAYCARE
OUTBREAK DECLARED - ALGONQUIN SCHOOL AND DAYCARE REMAIN OPEN**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Rainbow District School Board has been advised that a second confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported in the preschool room at the daycare at Algonquin Road Public School. The second confirmed case is among the cohort that is currently self-isolating due to the confirmed case reported earlier this week.

According to the Province of Ontario's Operational Guidance During COVID-19 in child care settings, an outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in children, staff/providers or other visitors with an epidemiological link within a 14-day period, where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the child care setting. As a result of the second case in the same room, an outbreak has been declared at the daycare.

There is no evidence of widespread transmission at the daycare or the school at this time. The daycare continues to be open and the before and after school programs continue to operate. Algonquin Road Public School is also open. As a precaution, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will take place before classes begin this morning. At this time, there has been no Public Health direction related to the school as a result of the second confirmed case at the daycare.

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.

Anyone who is sick must stay home.

It is also important to continue to follow the 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](#) 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.

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 ext. 524 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200). As always, we will monitor our school population closely for any signs of COVID-19, remain vigilant, and follow any guidance that we may receive from Public Health. 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