Public Health
Santé publique
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

February 25, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff:

RE: COVID-19 Outbreak Declared at Cyril Varney Public School

This letter is to inform you:

- Of an additional confirmed COVID-19 case at Cyril Varney Public School.
- That Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at Cyril Varney Public 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.

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

> **All students and staff of Cyril Varney Public School continue to be dismissed and must continue to self-isolate** up until and including **March 4, 2021**, due to confirmed cases of COVID-19. Please continue to follow the public health direction that has been provided to you.

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. Public Health Sudbury & Districts is working closely with the school to manage the outbreak and will contact those impacted for follow-up.

Please note that there are more protective provincial guidelines in place currently to stop or slow the spread of the more infectious COVID-19 virus variants circulating in the province. It is essential that you follow the direction provided.

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1) For the duration of the student or staff's isolation period, everyone else in their household is required to **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.

2) **If the student or staff develops even one symptom of COVID-19,** everyone in the household is required to **self-isolate** until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result or is provided an alternative diagnosis by a healthcare professional. If the symptomatic individual is **not** tested or does not receive an alternate diagnosis, all members of the household must self-isolate as directed by Public Health. Please call 705.522.9200, ext. 524 if you or your child develop any symptoms for additional direction.

   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 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

   For a list of Assessment Centres visit: https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/.

   If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school, visit the school website to learn about class restrictions or other measures the school is taking, or Public Health Sudbury & Districts for more information at 705.522.9200 (toll free at 1.866.522.9200).

   Thank you,

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