

February 24, 2021

**RE: ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IMPACTS ESPANOLA HIGH SCHOOL**

To parents/guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that one confirmed case of COVID-19 has an impact on one class at Espanola High School.

The individual is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. There is no evidence of transmission of COVID-19 at the school at this time.

**Espanola High School remains open for in-person learners.**

We are implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting before school resumes.

One Intensive Support Program Class has been asked to self-isolate to and including March 2, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. Public Health will directly contact all parents/guardians of students and all school personnel who have been identified as **close contacts**. There is no impact on transportation.

**For students and staff who have not been asked to self-isolate as part of this confirmed 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.
- Remember to screen for COVID-19 daily. Continue to use the **COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor for symptoms and follow the direction provided. **Anyone who is sick must stay home. Please note that there are UPDATED isolation requirements.**

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.
- Practise two-metre physical distancing.
- Wear a mask in indoor public spaces and outdoors, especially when physical distancing of two meters cannot be maintained.



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

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/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.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

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

Norm Blaseg  
Director of Education