

February 27, 2021

RE: COVID-19 OUTBREAK DECLARED AT JEAN HANSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

To parents/guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared an outbreak at Jean Hanson Public School. Three more confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported at the school. There are currently four confirmed cases.

As per provincial direction, a school outbreak is declared if there are two or more cases in a school that are linked and if there is evidence that at least one case could have been infected in the school.

At this time, no decision has been made on possible school closure.
As soon as a decision is made, you will be advised through the school.
We are implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting at the school.

The confirmed cases are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. **The isolation period for the Room 12 Class has been extended to and including March 10, 2021 for students and staff.** Public Health has provided guidance for self-isolation and testing to the affected cohort and relevant staff.

Please ensure that you continue to follow the guidance from Public Health.

Students on the morning elementary run on bus Route LW258 are also required to self-isolate to and including March 10, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus driver have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. Public Health will directly contact all parents/guardians of students who have been identified as **close contacts**.

For students and staff who have not been asked to self-isolate as part of these confirmed cases, 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.

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 or contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 ext. 524.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,



Norm Blaseg
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