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**RE: JEAN HANSON PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSED TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 12
ALSO SHILO, CAMHP AND THE ISP CLASS AT LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL**

To parents/guardians:

Jean Hanson Public School will be closed to and including March 12, 2021.

The following programs will also be closed to and including March 12, 2021 – SHILO, the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Program (CAMHP) at Health Sciences North and the Intensive Support Program (ISP) at Lockerby Composite School.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared an outbreak at Jean Hanson Public School where there are currently four confirmed cases of COVID-19 who are self-isolating and being monitored.

The decision to close the school and the satellite sites is being made in an abundance of caution given the nature of the programming.

School staff will reach out to affected students and families to continue teaching and learning remotely.

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.

We remind you that the isolation period for the Room 12 Class at Jean Hanson Public School has been extended to and including March 10, 2021 for students and staff.

Students on the morning elementary run on bus Route LW258 are also required to self-isolate to and including March 10, 2021.

The Lockerby Intensive Support Program Class has been asked to self-isolate to and including March 3, 2021.

Public Health has provided guidance for self-isolation and testing to the affected cohorts and relevant staff. **Please ensure you continue to follow the guidance from Public Health.**

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.

Jean Hanson Public School and the satellite sites are scheduled to re-open for in-person learning on Monday, March 15, 2021.

- 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.

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/>

Public Health Sudbury & Districts will directly contact all parents of students and staff who have been identified as **close contacts of the confirmed cases**.

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 your flexibility, patience and understanding as we respond to COVID-19. Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,



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