

October 22, 2020

RE: CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT LO-ELLEN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School.

The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

At this time, two classes have been dismissed effective immediately up to and including November 4, 2020. Affected students and parents/guardians have been notified.

Public Health will directly contact all parents/guardians of students and all school personnel who have been identified as **close contacts**.

If you are not called by Public Health Sudbury & Districts, please continue to follow the general advice in this letter.

In general, if your child is dismissed from school but you are not contacted directly by Public Health, your child must [self-isolate](#) immediately to and including November 4, 2020. Your child should also seek COVID-19 [testing](#) as soon as possible.

In general, if your child is not dismissed from school as part of this 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.
- Continue to use the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor your child for symptoms and follow the direction provided.

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.



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

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School remains open for in-person learning.

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

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.

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-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 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

As a school community, we must continue to take care of ourselves and each other.

Thank you for working together to keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norm Blaseg", written over a thin horizontal line.

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education