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Sunday, January 31, 2021

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.

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School remains open for in-person learners. We are implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting before school begins on Monday.

At this time, two classes have been asked to self-isolate to and including February 11, 2021, CHW 3MO-01 - Ancient History Grade 11 and PAL 3OP-01 – Basketball Class Grade 11. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified. Arrangements will be made for affected students to write exams remotely. Public Health will directly contact all parents/guardians of students and all school personnel who have been identified as **close contacts**.

Students on the morning secondary run on Route L880 as well as the afternoon secondary run on Route L811 have also been asked to self-isolate until February 11, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus drivers have been notified. Arrangements will be made for affected students to write exams remotely. Public Health will follow up directly with parents/guardians of students on these bus routes.

Students who are asked to stay home but are not contacted directly by Public Health must self-isolate immediately to and including February 11, 2021. They should also seek COVID-19 testing as soon as possible.

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 not asked to self-isolate 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.



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• We remind students to screen daily for symptoms of COVID-19. Continue to use the COVID-19 screening tool at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> to monitor for symptoms and follow the direction provided. Anyone who is sick must stay home.

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.

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.

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,

Norm Blaseg
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