

Sunday, February 21, 2021

RE: PROBABLE CASE OF COVID-19 AT CYRIL VARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that a probable case of COVID-19 has been reported at Cyril Varney Public School.

The individual is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts while the investigation continues.

Cyril Varney Public School remains open for in-person learners. In an abundance of caution, we are implementing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting before school begins on Monday.

At this time, the Grade 1 class has been asked to self-isolate until further notice. 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**.

The afternoon portion of Bus Route N100, for Cyril Varney Public School, has been cancelled until further notice. 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 this probable 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.
- 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.



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- 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 **updated** school screening tool on the board website **and follow the guidance provided** – 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/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,

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

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education