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## RE: IN-PERSON CLASSES CANCELLED AT LO-ELLEN PARK ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

To parents/guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board of another confirmed case of COVID-19 at Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School. There are currently two confirmed cases. The individuals are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

In an abundance of caution, all classes for in-person learners will be delivered remotely, where possible, on Monday, March 1, 2021. In-person classes are cancelled for the day as we assess the situation. We will provide updates about the remainder of the week when we have more information.

Two more cohorts are required to self-isolate to and including March 11, 2021: Grade 10 Physical Education - PAF3O/4O0-02 Grade 10 History - CHC2DI-01

The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff are being notified and will receive 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**.

Students on the afternoon secondary run on bus Route NO55 are also required to self-isolate to and including March 9, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus driver are being notified and will receive 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 <u>https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/</u> to monitor for symptoms and follow the direction provided. Anyone who is sick must stay home. <u>Please note that there are UPDATED isolation requirements</u>. Students are required to confirm they have completed the screen in first period attendance.



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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: <u>https://www.rainbowschools.ca/parents/covid-19/covid-19-advisory/</u>

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 <u>www.phsd.ca/COVID-19</u> 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,

Norm Blaseg Director of Education