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Sunday, March 14, 2021

**RE: COVID-19 OUTBREAK AT LOCKERBY COMPOSITE SCHOOL
REMOTE LEARNING CONTINUES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts advised Rainbow District School Board Sunday evening that a third individual from Lockerby Composite School has tested positive for COVID-19. As a result of this third case, an outbreak has been declared at Lockerby Composite School.

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.

Public Health has indicated that there is no evidence of widespread transmission at the school at this time. Five cohorts are required to self-isolate. There is also an impact on transportation.

The isolation period for the Grade 9 Science class SNC1DL-05 and the Grade 9 French class FIF1DI-02 has been extended to and including March 19, 2021.

Students in Junior Band AMI10B-01 are required to self-isolate to and including March 22, 2021.

Students in Grade 9 Canadian Geography CGC1DI-01 and Grade 9 Physical Education PPL1OI-02 are required to self-isolate to and including March 24, 2021.

Students on the morning secondary run of bus Route L032 and/or the afternoon secondary run of bus Route L111 are required to self-isolate to and including March 24, 2021.

The affected students, their parents/guardians, relevant staff and relevant bus drivers 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**.

For students and staff who have not been asked to self-isolate as part of this confirmed 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.

• 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.

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

As always, we will monitor our school population closely for any signs of COVID-19, remain vigilant, and follow the guidance from Public Health.

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,



Norm Blaseg
Director of Education