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RE: SECOND CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT CARL A. NESBITT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear parents/guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that a second confirmed case of COVID-19 has been reported in the Grade 4 class in Room 403 at Carl A. Nesbitt Public School that was dismissed on Friday, September 24, 2021.

The individual is currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. The school has been cleaned and disinfected.

As a result of this second confirmed case, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Carl A. Nesbitt Public School. **Carl A. Nesbitt Public School remains open for in-person learning. The outbreak is contained to the Grade 4 class in Room 403 that is currently self-isolating.**

An outbreak in a school is defined as **two** or more lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases in students or staff (or other visitors) in a school where at least one case could have reasonably acquired their infection in the school.

As a result of this second case, the isolation period for students in the Grade 4 class in Room 403 has been extended to and including October 4, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. Direction for staff is based on immunization status.

As a result of this second case, students on the morning elementary bus Route L104 have been asked to self-isolate to and including October 4, 2021 and students on the afternoon elementary bus route L017 have been asked to self-isolate to and including October 3, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus drivers have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance.

Students in the before and after school program continue to self-isolate to and including October 2, 2021. Note: The isolation period has not been extended for this program. The before and after school program is closed until October 4, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified by the service provider and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. Direction for staff is based on immunization status.

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.**

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** at all times in indoor public spaces.

When outdoors, students are encouraged to maintain physical distancing.

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

We will monitor our school population closely for any signs of COVID-19 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-2021-2022/>

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,



Bruce Bourget
Director of Education