

September 15, 2021

**RE: SECOND CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT R.L. BEATTIE 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 at R.L. Beattie Public School.

The individual who tested positive is in the Grade 6 class in Room 200 that was asked to self-isolate and is being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

As a result of this second confirmed case, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at R.L. Beattie Public School. **R.L. Beattie Public School remains open for in-person learning. The outbreak is contained to the class that was dismissed earlier this week.**

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, students on the morning elementary bus Route L818 have been asked to self-isolate.** The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus drivers have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. Public Health will reach out to all affected parents/guardians and drivers with additional detailed instructions once their initial investigation is complete.

**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.



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- 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](http://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 blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget  
Director of Education