

October 13, 2021

UPDATE RE: ONE CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 AT ALGONQUIN ROAD PS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts advised Rainbow District School Board today to dismiss another class as a result of the confirmed case of COVID-19 reported at Algonquin Road Public School on Monday, October 12, 2021.

By direction of Public Health, students and staff in the Grade 1 class in Room 5 have been asked to self-isolate to and including October 17, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant staff have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance.

This is in addition to the students and staff in the Grade 1/2 class in Room 12 who have already been asked to self-isolate to and including October 18, 2021.

There is no evidence of transmission at the school at this time.

Algonquin Road Public School remains open for in-person learning.

The school will follow up with affected students to ensure continuity of learning.

Childcare and the before and after school program are not affected.

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.



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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 further risks to the school community are identified, they may direct additional measures.

Click here to access the Board's COVID-19 Advisory Section:

<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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Bourget".

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education