

November 17, 2021

RE: TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AT WALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that two confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported at Walden Public School today. There are four confirmed cases at Walden Public School at this time.

The individuals are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. The school will be cleaned and disinfected tonight. There is no evidence of transmission at the school at this time.

Walden Public School remains open for in-person learning.

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

By direction of Public Health, students in the JK/SK class in Room 130 and the Grade 5/6 in Room 206 are required to self-isolate to and including November 22, 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.**

By direction of Public Health, students on the morning elementary run on Route L859 and the afternoon elementary run on Route L872 are required to self-isolate to and including November 22, 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. **These bus routes are cancelled and will resume on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.**

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.**



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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** 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:
<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