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RE: PUBLIC HEALTH DECLARES OUTBREAK AT REDWOOD ACRES PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Public Health Sudbury & Districts has advised Rainbow District School Board that four confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported at Redwood Acres Public School. There are currently five confirmed cases at Redwood Acres Public School.

The individuals are currently self-isolating and being monitored by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. The school is being cleaned and disinfected this weekend.

As a result, Public Health Sudbury & Districts has declared a COVID-19 outbreak at Redwood Acres Public School. 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.

Redwood Acres 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 Grade 2 class in Room 14 and students in the Primary/Junior Intensive Support Program (ISP) class in Room 7 are required to self-isolate to and including November 19, 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.**

By direction of Public Health, students in the Kindergarten class in Room 2 and 4, Primary ISP class in Room 8, the Grade 1/2 class in Room 13 and the Grade 3 class in Room 12 are required to self-isolate to and including November 20, 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.**

By direction of Public Health, students on the afternoon elementary bus run on Route N433 are required to self-isolate to and including November 22, 2021. The affected students, their parents/guardians and relevant bus driver have been notified and have received a letter from Public Health with specific guidance. **This bus run is cancelled and will resume on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.**

By direction of Public Health, students on the morning elementary bus run on Route N418 and the afternoon elementary bus run on Route N429 are required to self-isolate to and including November 20, 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 runs are cancelled and will resume on Monday, November 22, 2021.**

By direction of Public Health, students in the Before and After School Program are also required to self-isolate to and including November 19, 2021. The program will resume on Monday, November 22, 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.**

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 further 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,



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