



December 8, 2021

This letter is for students or school staff who have **not** been advised previously by Public Health that they are part of a dismissed cohort (e.g. class, bus) or a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

Dear students, parents, guardians, and school staff:

Re: COVID-19 Outbreak declared and whole school closure at Valley View Public School

This letter is to inform you that Public Health Sudbury & Districts has closed the entire school effective immediately. Please also be aware of the following:

- Public Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 on November 30 at Valley View Public School.
- Public Health has today determined that there is widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the school and the school is closed to prevent further spread of COVID-19.
- **ALL** staff and students to whom this letter is addressed who are not fully immunized (or not previously positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days) must stay home except for essential reasons up to and including December 18. **You are encouraged to get tested.**
- All staff and students to whom this letter is addressed who are fully immunized (or previously positive in the last 90 days) are asked to carefully self-monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19 up to and including December 18. You are also encouraged to get tested.

What does this mean for you?

- Get **tested** for COVID-19 at an assessment centre between December 15 and December 18. Please contact your closest assessment centre to book a test. Public Health does not make appointments for testing.
- If you have **symptoms** or develop symptoms at any time, you should be tested as soon as possible.
- If you are not fully immunized (or not previously positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days), even **if the test comes back negative**, you

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must **remain home except for essential reasons and self-monitor** up to and including December 18.

- If the stay-at-home and monitoring period changes or is extended, you will be directly notified by letter.

Why do all staff and students have to self-monitor and get tested?

- The school is closed because Public Health Sudbury & Districts' investigation shows widespread transmission of COVID-19 throughout the entire school.
- Due to widespread transmission in the school everyone in the school who is not a case or a known close contact must follow Public Health direction that is based on their immunization (or previously positive for COVID-19) status.

What instruction should I follow if I work in a class that was already closed?

- Please continue to follow specific instructions in the letter addressed to you. If you have a specific letter identifying you as a close contact or part of a dismissed cohort, follow the instructions in that letter.

How will I know when the school will reopen?

- The school re-opening date will be determined by Public Health Sudbury & Districts as we conduct our assessment.
- This information will be shared with you by your school upon the direction of the Medical Officer of Health.

Can self-monitoring and stay-at-home dates be extended, and testing timelines revised?

- Yes. The assessment is ongoing and new information received may result in revisions to self-isolation and testing timelines.
- Should this happen, you will receive new instructions directly in a new letter or by telephone.

Where can I get more information?

- Frequently asked questions can be found attached and on Public Health's website: www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/schools/.
- If you have any questions, please contact your school, visit the school website to learn about class restrictions or other measures the school is

taking, or call Public Health Sudbury & Districts for more information at 705.522.9200 ext. 524 (toll free at 1.866.522.9200).

- Public Health returns all calls, but during periods of high call volumes, it may take a few days to return your call. We appreciate your patience.

If you are concerned about new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, contact Telehealth Ontario at 1.866.797.0000, or your health care provider.

Call 911 or take your child to the nearest hospital immediately if your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Severe difficulty breathing (struggling for each breath, can only speak in single words)
- Severe chest pain (constant tightness or crushing sensation)
- Feeling confused or unsure of where they are
- Losing consciousness

COVID-19 testing is offered at the following locations. Appointments are required.

Health Sciences North Assessment Centre

- 705.671.7373 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., 7 days per week
- Online form: [Request an Appointment at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre \(hsnsudbury.ca\)](https://hsnsudbury.ca)

Manitoulin Health Centre Assessment Centre

- Please call 705.368.2300 to book an appointment. Please note hours are limited.

Espanola and area communities assessment centre (for clients in Nairn, McKerrow, Massey, Sagamok, Webwood, Espanola, and Birch Island)

- 705.869.1420, ext. 4500, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Chapleau Assessment Centre

- 705.864.2568 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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