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Dear Parents/Guardians of students of **Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School**

RE: Notice of COVID-19 to Staff, Students and Visitors in a School Setting

Public Health staff are investigating a case of COVID-19 at **Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School**. If staff or students have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, they will be notified directly via phone, email or mail by either AHS or the school as per routine communication processes.

The virus is passed from person to person through tiny droplets of liquid, spread by coughing, sneezing, talking, laughing and singing. This means that a person would need to have direct contact with droplets from a sick person or contaminated surfaces to be exposed to the virus. The risk of the general population in the school becoming infected because of this case is low.

- If staff or students have not been identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case but develop symptoms as listed on the COVID-19 [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#), please isolate at home. Complete the AHS [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#) tool or call Health Link at 811 as soon as possible to arrange for COVID-19 testing.
- If you or your child require medical attention, please call ahead to your health care provider or call Health Link at 811 to help guide you to the right care provider and make appropriate arrangements to care for yourself or your child safely.
- If it is an emergency and you or your child require urgent attention, call 911 and tell them that you or your child may have been in contact with COVID-19 so that they can care for you or your child safely.

To help minimize spread of any respiratory virus we always recommend the following:

- Everyone in the house should wash their hands well and often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you don't have soap and water and your hands don't look dirty.
- Remind everyone to try not to touch their eyes, nose and mouth unless their hands are clean.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in the garbage and wash your hands right away with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces people touch a lot, such as doorknobs and counters.
- Stay at least 2 metres/6 feet away from others.
- Wear a mask in public and in all indoor workplaces.
- Ensure your child's immunizations are up to date, including their annual influenza immunization.

For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Link at 811, or visit the Alberta Health Services website for [COVID-19](#).

Thank you.

Public Health,

Communicable Disease Control