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Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff,

Yesterday we were informed of a confirmed positive COVID-19 case affiliated with our school. As WDGPH case management continued investigation into exposures it was determined that there is potential for additional high-risk contacts within the school. Out of precaution, one class cohort is being asked to self-isolate.

The school nurse continues to be in contact with the principal and will continue to update and share information as required.

What will Public Health do?

- WDGPH will contact the individual(s) who tested positive for COVID-19 as well as the school and bus consortium/company (if applicable).
- WDGPH will contact (by phone or letter) all students, staff, visitors who are determined to be a **high-risk contact** of the individual(s) who tested positive.
 - This includes individuals who were in close contact (e.g., classmates, bus riders within 2m) to the confirmed case, starting 48 hours before symptoms began (or if the confirmed case had no symptoms, starting 48 hours before the individual tested positive).
- **Staff/students who are not contacted by Public Health, are not considered a high-risk contact.** They should continue to monitor and screen for symptoms of COVID-19 daily, practice hand hygiene, wear a face covering, and practice physical distancing.

What will the school and/or bus company do?

- The school/bus will provide WDGPH with information about who the individual was in close contact with while at school (including before and after school care) and on the school bus.*
- The school/bus will clean and disinfect all areas where the individual may have been.
- The school/bus will work with Public Health to develop a plan to protect all students and staff, and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What should you do?

- Continue to monitor and screen for symptoms of COVID-19 using the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening tool](#) daily.
- Staff or students who develop symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately isolate from others and follow the guidance in the screening tool.
- If you receive a call or letter from Public Health, follow the directions provided.

How do you get more information?

Visit the school website for more information. Also visit the "[For Schools](#)" section of the WDGPH website wdgpublichealth.ca

***Note:** Personal health information may be provided to schools only for the purpose of contact tracing. The name of the individual who tests positive for COVID-19 will not be disclosed publicly to parents, staff or other students unless it is deemed necessary by Public Health, or unless given permission to do so by the individual, or their parent or guardian.