

School Case Information (Version: Oct. 9, 2020)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that **one of the students or staff at Island Lake P.S. has tested positive for COVID-19.** Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health and the school are taking all necessary steps to prevent the further spread of the virus both in the school and in the community.*

What will Public Health do?

- Public Health will contact the individual(s) who tested positive for COVID-19 and the school.
- Public Health will contact all individuals (including students and staff) who are determined to be a **high-risk contact** of the individual(s) who tested positive.
 - This includes individuals who were in close contact (for example, classmates) 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).
- **If you are not contacted by Public Health, your child is not considered a high-risk contact.** Continue to monitor and screen your child for symptoms of COVID-19, practice hand hygiene, wear a face covering, and practice physical distancing.

What will the school do?

- The school will provide Public Health 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 will clean and disinfect all areas in the school where the individual may have been.
- The school 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 your child for symptoms of COVID-19 using the [COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening tool](#).
- If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19, immediately isolate them from others and follow the guidance in the screening tool.
- If you receive a call from Public Health, follow the directions provided.

How do you get more information?

Visit our website at wdgpublichealth.ca or call **1-800-265-7293, ext. 7006** to speak to a Public Health Nurse.

***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, 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.