



January 17, 2021

RE: School Community Member Tested Positive for COVID-19

Dear Families,

A member of the Your School Here school community has tested positive for COVID-19. They are self-isolating at home with support from local public health teams.

We are supporting Interior Health Authority as they undertake contact tracing to determine if any other members of our school community were in contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19, and if any additional steps are required. We are following the protocol established for these circumstances:

- The health authority is performing [contact tracing](#);
- The health authority will determine if anyone in the school community was in contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 while they were potentially infectious;
- The health authority will determine if anyone in the school community is a close contact that is required to [self-isolate](#).

Only the health authority can determine who is a close contact.

If you are contacted by Interior Health Authority, please follow their advice.

If you are not contacted by Interior Health Authority, it has been determined that your child is not at risk of developing COVID-19.

To ensure personal privacy rights are maintained, we will not be providing additional details.

The safety and well-being of our students, families and staff remains our highest priority. Please be reassured that our school will continue to implement the strict protocols and procedures we have in place so that children can continue to attend school as safely as possible.

Students should continue to come to school while contact tracing is underway. As a reminder, please continue daily health checks to monitor your child for illness.

We will continue to work closely with Interior Health Authority to provide ongoing communication as required.

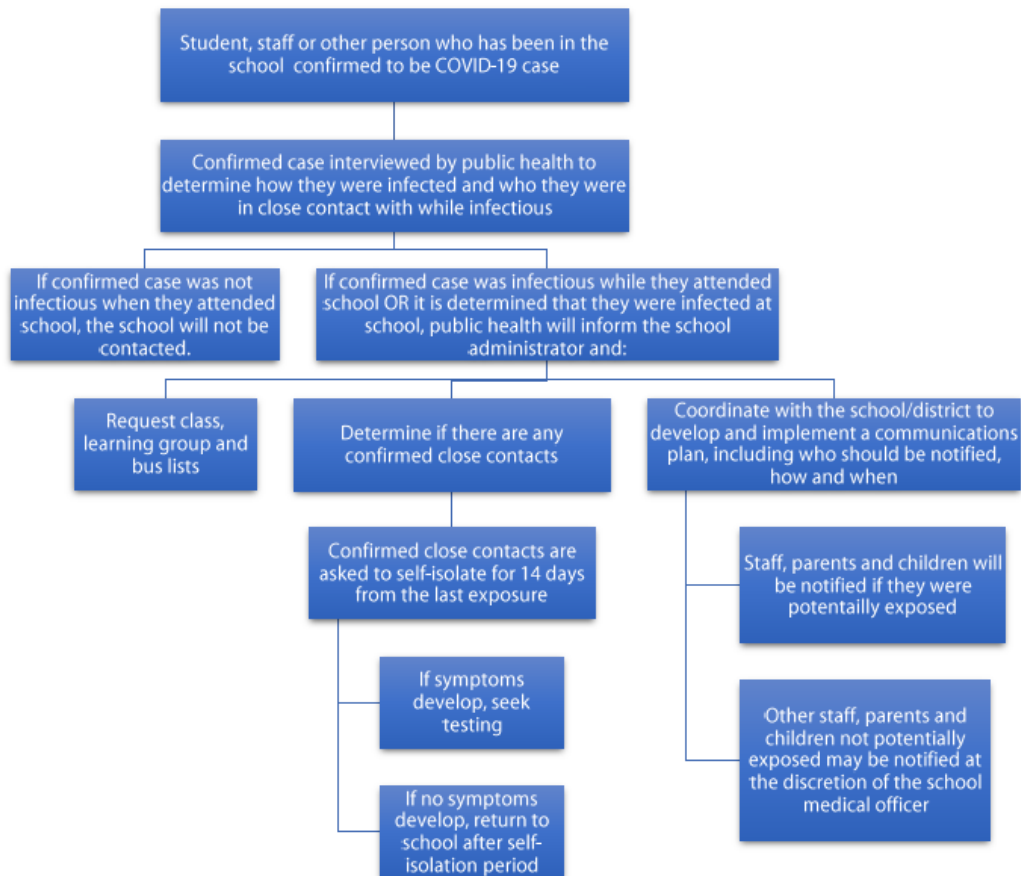
If you have questions or concerns about COVID-19, please call 811.

Sincerely,

Peter Jory
Superintendent/CEO
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)



Figure A: Public Health Actions in Response to Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in a School



*Confirmed close contacts are determined based on the length of time of exposure and nature of the interaction. **Only public health can determine who is a close contact.***

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*This chart above is located in the “COVID-19 Protocols for School and District Administrators” document - <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/safe-caring-orderly/covid-19-protocols-for-administrators.pdf> These protocols were created by the Ministry of Education, The Ministry of Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control.