

Parent Update

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Hello everyone,

We wanted to make you aware of some changes that have been put forward by Alberta Education and Alberta Health Services recently. We have outlined all of these in an updated [COVID-19 Protocols document](#). The key changes we want to bring to your attention are as follows:

- Alberta Health is now informing us when one of our students or staff members has potentially attended school while infectious with COVID-19. Once we have that information we will confirm that the positive COVID-19 case was in attendance on the given dates.
- Families will then be notified of positive COVID-19 cases that were infectious while at school.
- In Kindergarten through Grade 6, if there are three positive COVID-19 cases in a class within five calendar days, those classes will temporarily shift to at-home learning for ten calendar days.
- Outbreaks in schools will now be defined as 10 or more positive COVID-19 cases within a 14 day period.

It is important to note that we will only be made aware of those positive COVID-19 cases identified by Alberta Health Services (AHS) that have attended school while infectious. When we have been made aware of that information, and the attendance is verified, we will share it within a school community so that families know about the possible exposure to COVID-19.

If your school is identified with an outbreak you will receive a letter from Alberta Health Services. We will act on the direction that they provide to us to enhance our safety measures.

If there is an outbreak in a given school, we will consider moving certain grades or the entire school to temporary at-home learning. This would occur if there are particularly concerning safety issues and/or if we have difficulty maintaining operations because of a shortage of staff in the school.

Thank you for helping us keep our schools as safe as we possibly can.

Yours truly,

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