

Notice of a Second Positive COVID-19 Case in School

March 15, 2021

Dear Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that KFL&A Public Health has been notified that **a second student from Winston Churchill Public School has tested positive for COVID-19**. This is the second positive case identified at Winston Churchill PS, however, this is not considered an outbreak as the case was not spread at school. Following further investigation, it has been determined that this second case poses no risk to students or staff. As such, no further class cohorts will be required to isolate at this time and the school will remain open.

This means one class cohort and one bus cohort that were isolating are permitted to return to school Tuesday, March 16, 2021 provided they pass daily COVID-19 screening. One cohort related to the first positive case will remain in isolation and these families have already been advised.

Instances when a positive case in a school poses no risk to the school include:

- The case is learning or teaching virtually and has not been in the school.
- The case was already isolating and not attending school because they were previously identified as a close contact of a case.
- The case was not present at the school when they were infectious.

We know the situation related to this particular incidence of COVID-19 at your school may be confusing. Because Variants of Concern (VOC) are now in our community and can spread more easily than typical COVID-19 cases, a more aggressive isolation and contact tracing approach was taken. We thank you for your understanding and patience and support of public health directives intended to keep everyone safe.

KFL&A Public Health works closely with schools to ensure that necessary steps are taken to prevent further spread of the virus both in the school and the community.

Cases in schools must be reported locally and provincially. We are sharing this information with you to ensure you have accurate information. No further information will be released to maintain privacy.

We encourage you to continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and screen your student daily as most cases of COVID-19 are acquired in the home setting. If anyone in your household has or develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must self-isolate and should book an appointment at an assessment centre for testing as soon as possible. It is required that all household members isolate until the person with symptoms receives a negative COVID-19 test result or an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional. Please continue to follow all public health guidelines which include maintaining physical distance, wearing face coverings, and cleaning your hands frequently.

Sincerely,

KFL&A Public Health

**Note: Personal health information may be provided to schools only for the purpose of contact tracing. Schools must protect the personal information of their students and staff. The name of the individual who tests positive for COVID-19 and their contacts will not be disclosed publicly.*