



November 18, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Re: Early Notification - COVID-19

Please find attached a notification from Fraser Health. This notice does not mean that your child has been exposed to COVID-19. This Early Notification letter is an alert that someone within the school community has tested positive for COVID-19 and **if** there was any increased risk to your child, you would be contacted directly by Fraser Health.

Our District is committed to transparency and we will continue to notify our school community of COVID-19 exposures at our schools as soon as public health informs us.

- This exposure alert is a general notice that someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 has been at school. The dates that this individual attended school are included in the notice.
- These notices **do not** mean that your child has been exposed to COVID-19.

*What happens next?*

- If Fraser Health identifies anyone at the school that needs to self-monitor or self-isolate, they will be contacted directly. That contact often occurs within 24 to 48 hours but may be shorter or longer depending on the circumstances.
- If you do not receive a phone call or letter, please continue to attend school and monitor for [symptoms](#) compatible with COVID-19 as per our District guidelines.

Again, please see the attached letter for additional information from Fraser Health. For privacy reasons, we cannot provide any further details.

If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to call 811.

Sincerely,

Gord Stewart  
Superintendent of Schools

Cette notification est importante. S'il vous plaît demandez à quelqu'un pour la traduire afin d'être bien informé(e) à propos de l'école.

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这是一个很重要的通知。请找人翻译它的内容，这样你就可以及时知道学校的情况。

ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਸੂਚਨਾ ਹੈ। ਕੋਈ ਆ ਕਰਕੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਮਾਸੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾ ਲਓ ਤਾਂ ਕੀ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਕੂਲ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ।

이것은 중요한 공지사항입니다. 이것을 번역할 수 있는 분에게 부탁해서 여러분이 학교에서 공지하는 것에 대하여 정확하게 인지할 수 있기 바랍니다.

Đây là một thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhờ người dịch để bạn có thể biết thêm những thông tin về trường học.

Este es un aviso importante. Por favor consiga que alguien se lo traduzca para que usted pueda mantenerse bien informado sobre la información de su escuela.

Ito ay isang mahalagang notisya. Mangyari po lamang ay magkaroon ng taong tagasalin ng wika upang ikaw ay maging batid tungkol sa impormasyon ng paaralan.

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



\* 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.

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**RE: COVID-19 NOTIFICATION**

Dear Parent,

The intent of this letter is to provide early notification of an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 at your child's school and to advise you on next steps being taken by public health. Public health is following up on this exposure according to school-based guidelines similar to those in other workplaces and community settings.

Receiving this letter does not mean you have been exposed to COVID-19. Case(s) have been isolated, and there is no direct exposure risk at this time.

An individual with COVID-19 was at your child's school (**H.D. Stafford Middle School**- 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley City, BC) on:

**November 10th, 2020**

As a result, Public Health:

- has initiated contact tracing to rapidly identify any staff and students that need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms.
- will continue to investigate the exposure at the school
- will only phone staff and students that public health has identified as needing to **self-isolate** for 14 days from when they were exposed.
- may send letters to staff and students who will be asked to **self-monitor** for symptoms. These staff/students may continue to attend school while monitoring for symptoms.

It is important to note that receipt of this letter does not mean you will be contacted by public health. You will not be contacted by public health unless you were directly exposed to COVID-19.

Please have your child continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms compatible to COVID-19 as per your school policies.

For privacy reasons, we cannot give out any specific details on the COVID-19 exposure other than the information provided above.

***Please continue to attend school.***

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## HOW IS COVID-19 SPREAD?

This virus is spread between people by droplets. This means you need to be close enough to be exposed to saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of the infected person.

## WHAT IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19?

- Isolate yourself and/or your child from others.
- Get assessed for COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- Contact 8-1-1 or your doctor to find out if you should be tested for COVID-19.

### How to self-isolate

Scan this QR code or visit the BC Centre for Disease Control website:



[bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Self-isolation.pdf](https://bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/Self-isolation.pdf)

### Where to get tested

To find the nearest testing locations scan this QR code or visit our website:



▪ [fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/testing](https://fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/coronavirus/testing)

## WHERE CAN YOU LEARN MORE?

- To speak with someone in your language call HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 with any questions or concerns.
- For more information about COVID-19, go to the BC Centre for Disease Control website at [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca) and select 'COVID-19 for the public' or you can scan this QR code:
- Additional resources and answers to frequently asked questions are available at: [fraserhealth.ca/coronavirus](https://fraserhealth.ca/coronavirus), [bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca) or you can scan this QR code:



*Note: A "QR code" (short for 'Quick Response' code) is a type of barcode you can scan with your smart device's camera. Once scanned, it takes you to that web page.*

Sincerely,

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Population and Public Health  
COVID-19 School HUB  
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