



DISTRICT STATEMENT: COMMUNICATION PROCESS FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

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KELOWNA, BC – Central Okanagan Public Schools will continue to work closely with Interior Health (IH) to ensure that both the public and school communities stay informed when someone in a school community tests positive for COVID-19.

As demonstrated by the recent exposure at a school in our district, Central Okanagan Public Schools recognizes that both the school community and the broader community need to understand how district administration works with health authorities to communicate new cases of COVID-19 in school settings.

Central Okanagan Public Schools officials stay in constant contact with Interior Health and work with them to exercise the utmost prudence in monitoring and communicating any new developments. Our stringent safety protocols (including creating small learning groups and limiting student movement within schools) and detailed records help health authorities quickly trace contacts and provide clear direction to all contacts of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Our district also appreciates the hard work and vigilance of families, students, and staff who continue to self-monitor and stay home when showing symptoms. District staff will continue to inclusively foster learning and emotional wellbeing for anyone who is unable to attend school.

Please see the attached flow chart that outlines the communication process when Interior Health confirms a positive case of COVID-19 in one of our school communities.

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