

Positive COVID-19 Case in School – Lord Strathcona Public School

April 5, 2021

A Positive Case of COVID-19 has been identified in your school

Dear Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that KFL&A Public Health has been notified that a **student at Lord Strathcona Public School has tested positive for COVID-19**. COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC) are now in our community and can spread more easily. Additional caution is taken to help reduce spread.

Everyone who attended or worked at Lord Strathcona Public School on March 31 or April 1, 2021 must self-isolate until you hear otherwise. KFL&A Public Health will send more messaging after additional investigation has been done. **Given the scope of this isolation, Lord Strathcona Public School will close temporarily for the week of April 6 to 9, 2021. In-person classes will switch to remote learning. The school will be in touch with families directly about plans for device distribution where required.**

We recognize that receiving this information may be stressful and we want to ensure you understand the process going forward. KFL&A Public Health and the school are taking all necessary steps to prevent further spread of the virus both in the school and the community.

KFL&A Public Health is working with the school to identify cohorts of students and staff who may have been in close contact with the COVID-19 positive person at school or during school transportation, if applicable.

What should you do?

- Take your student directly home to self-isolate. Your student should only go out if they require emergency medical care or COVID-19 testing.
- Anyone who is continuing to have contact with your student should isolate as well.
- **If your student has symptoms of COVID-19, they should be tested as soon as possible.** When you arrive for your student's appointment, ask the registration person to use **investigation #2241-2021-37537.**
- It is **not** necessary to have your student tested at this time if they do **not** have symptoms of COVID-19. **Testing now may lead to unnecessary or repeat testing.**
- If you receive an additional letter or are contacted by KFL&A Public Health, follow the guidance provided.
- If you have not received an additional letter indicating that your student's cohort has been affected, household members that do not attend Lord Strathcona Public School are

not required to isolate at this time. They can continue to go to work, school, or childcare if they pass the daily screening and are not having ongoing contact with anyone that attends Lord Strathcona Public School.

- **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.**
- You will receive further communication from KFL&A Public Health in the next few days.

What will KFL&A Public Health do?

- Public Health Nurses will contact individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and will be in contact with the school.*
- KFL&A Public Health will identify and contact all individuals (including students and staff) who had close contact with the person who tested positive.*
- KFL&A Public Health will provide direction to close contacts and the school to protect students and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What will the school do?

- The school will provide KFL&A Public Health with contact information for identified individuals.
- The school will clean and disinfect all areas in the school where the exposure may have occurred.
- The school will work with KFL&A Public Health to develop a plan to protect all students and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

When can my student return to school?

- KFL&A Public Health will provide guidance on when your student may return to school.

For more information go to the KFL&A Public Health website at kflaph.ca, where you will find fact sheets and information on COVID-19 symptoms and screening, self-monitoring, self-isolation, and testing. On the website you can also find the COVID-19 dashboard which provides up to date information on COVID-19 in KFL&A.

Thank you for your patience as we investigate cases to minimize risk to the school and community.

Sincerely,

KFL&A Public Health

How to get tested for COVID-19 in KFL&A:

- Visit kflaph.ca/Assessment for information on locations, hours of operation, and how to book online, or
- Call 613-548-2376 for the Kingston Assessment Centre (Beechgrove Complex-51 Heakes Lane), or
- Call 613-354-8254 for the Napanee Assessment Centre (LACGH Westdale Campus-12 Richmond Park Dr).

**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.*