



Confirmed Case of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

On Monday, October 19, the Division was made aware of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a KSD School. We know many families and community members have some questions and concerns. The purpose of this message is to explain the protocols the School Division follows and to answer some common questions you may have.

Please be aware that the School Division acts under the guidance of the Manitoba Department of Education and Dr. Brent Roussin, the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer in relation to the management of illness and confirmed cases, and the communication protocols we follow.

Our local Public Health and KSD protocol following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community:

- Public Health will interview the individual (confirmed case) to initiate the contact tracing process.
- Public Health will determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- Public Health will determine what steps close contacts should take. This may include self-isolating or self-monitoring for symptoms for up to 14 days.
- Only Public Health can determine who is a close contact.
- Only Public Health can determine next steps in the process and who will be contacted.

The School Division schools and Public Health will work together on a communication plan to let staff, students and their families know when there is a confirmed case at the school and if it impacts them.

Page 3 of this document is the flow chart of the Public Health action if a Staff, Student or Other Person Who Has Been in the School is a Confirmed COVID-19 Case.

The School Division will work closely with Public Health to determine if there is any risk to other members of our school community, and if any additional steps are required. We will follow the Public Health authority's guidance.

The key point for families to remember is that Public Health will connect directly with any individuals who may have been exposed with further instructions via phone call or letter. If you are contacted by Public Health, please follow their advice carefully.

As per our health and safety plan, if your child has symptoms, please keep them at home and follow the guidance from the Manitoba Department of Education. All schools continue to follow preventative measures through cohorts, social distancing, increased sanitization, and face covering (masks).



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What happens if there is a confirmed case at a school?

Public Health will initiate contact tracing to identify any individuals that need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms. If you are contacted by Public Health, please follow their advice carefully.

2. Do staff or students need to stay home and self-isolate?

If you do not receive a phone call or letter from Public Health, your child should continue to attend school. As a reminder, please continue daily health screening tool <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/> to monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms. Students and staff must stay home if they have symptoms. If you have any health questions or concerns, we encourage you to call Health Links at 204-788-8200.

3. What are you doing to ensure staff and students' safety?

The safety and well-being of our staff, students and families remains our highest priority. Please be reassured that our schools will continue to implement the strict protocols and procedures we have in place so that staff and students can continue to attend school as safely as possible. All schools in our Division are following the provincial health and safety guidelines, and we will continue to work with public health officials to determine if any other actions are necessary.

4. Can you provide more information on confirmed cases?

For privacy reasons, we cannot give out any further details.

5. What happens if there is a rumour of a COVID case at the school?

We understand there may be rumours in the community regarding potential COVID-19 cases. Please rest assured that if a member of the school community were to test positive for COVID-19, Public Health would follow up directly with any individuals who may have been exposed.

We are committed to open and transparent communication with our staff and families. We will work with Public Health to share information on COVID-19 exposures at our schools' sites and those it may impact. The school will also relay information, once indicated by Public Health that this is the process to be followed.

6. If my child is required to quarantine, how will lessons be delivered?

If a student is required by Public Health to quarantine, the school will arrange for the delivery of lessons either through an online platform or work packages. This might take a day or two to organize. The platform for lesson delivery will be determined according to the number of students in quarantine and length of time away from school. Parents would be contacted from the school by phone or email to relay the plans.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to your school principal.



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