



Public Health Announcement

On **Monday, October 5**, Provincial Public Health officials posted a report of exposure to a positive case of COVID-19 in The Pas/ OCN/ RM of the Kelsey District of the Northern Health Region.

The Public Health nurses and staff are already conducting extensive contact tracing and monitoring in the community. The Town of The Pas is working closely with the Northern Health Region and appropriate community partners to ensure this event's containment.

The Mayor and Council for the Town of The Pas would like to remind residents to continue to practice the fundamentals to keep COVID-19 at bay in the North. For accurate and updated information about COVID-19 in Manitoba please see www.manitoba.ca/covid19

Reducing the spread

Under the chief provincial public health officer's advice, Dr. Roussin, the Kelsey School Division strongly encourages our families to maintain reduced numbers of close contacts outside their household and avoid closed-in or crowded spaces. In addition, all families should focus on these fundamentals to help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Keep your child home if sick.
- Wash/sanitize hands and cover mouth when coughing.
- Physically distance when you are with people from outside of your household.
- If you cannot physically distance, wear a mask to help reduce the risk to others or as required by public health orders.

Testing

Unless recommended by public health officials, only individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should go for testing. Individuals with symptoms should seek testing as soon as possible once symptoms are present. Parents are asked only to send children for testing if they have symptoms or if public health officials have recommended testing.

The online assessment tool can be found at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>
For more information about COVID-19 symptoms please visit www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/updates/about.html#collapse4.

Schools

All KSD schools are currently following scenario 1 (yellow). No changes will occur to school plans unless advised by Public Health officials. In the event of a change, parents will be informed through synervoice messages, announcements on the radio, and updates posted to school website.

Confidentiality

Our primary focus when responding to concerns around COVID-19 is to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students. We will continue to follow all protocols, mandates, and guidelines as provided by Manitoba Education.

Schools will not be releasing names of individuals or information about school cohorts, should quarantine be required at a later date. All communication and direction will be provided through Public Health. We are committed to ensuring that our school environments demonstrate respect, support, privacy, and confidentiality for staff, students, and families.