



SOUTHERN HEALTH-SANTÉ SUD

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Elmdale School
160 Elmdale St
Steinbach, Manitoba, R5G 1Y5

RE: Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Elmdale School

Dear Parent/Guardian of Elmdale School,

Manitoba Public Health officials have advised Elmdale School that a confirmed case of COVID-19 was in the school on November 24, 2020. The Grade 3-4 cohort was impacted.

Elmdale School is working closely with public health officials and following their recommendations. Be assured that Public Health investigations to identify individuals who may have been exposed begin within 24 hours of a confirmed laboratory test.

Close contacts connected to the case have been identified and advised to self-isolate. Anyone who is a close contact has been contacted directly by public health. The school will remain open to all other students and staff, who can continue to attend school in person.

Please note: the school is not permitted to release the name or any identifying information about the confirmed cases of COVID-19 to any member of the school, community or media.

If you have not been contacted by public health officials, your child(ren) have not been identified as being exposed to COVID-19 from this case. However, if your child develops a new onset or worsening of any one symptom listed in Column A or any two or more symptoms listed in Column B (see table below), even if they are mild, immediately isolate them from others. It is recommended your child get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear, and that your whole family isolate as per Call Health Links—Info Santé at 204-788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 for information on testing and isolation.

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Table with 2 columns: A and B. Row 1: Fever/Chills, Runny nose. Row 2: Cough, Muscle aches. Row 3: Sore throat/hoarse voice, Fatigue. Row 4: Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, Pink eye (conjunctivitis). Row 5: Loss of taste or smell, Headache. Row 6: Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours, Skin rash of unknown cause. Row 7: Nausea or loss of appetite. Row 8: Poor feeding (if an infant).

Please note: individuals with symptoms outlined in columns A and B, who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours.

For more public health information about COVID-19, please visit https://manitoba.ca/covid19/updates/resources.html.

Sincerely,

Dr. Davinder Singh
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