
October 21, 2020

**RE: Wood Elementary, 4111 Wood Ave, Port Alberni, BC V9Y-5E8
COVID-19 EXPOSURE**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

This letter is to provide notification that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. Dates of potential exposure in the school community occurred:

Monday Oct 19th, 2020

Island Health completes contact tracing to identify any staff and students that need to self-isolate or self-monitor for symptoms. Health and school officials already have been working together to identify those in contact with the test-positive individual – please read *What Happens Next?* (below) for further information about contact tracing.

Receiving this letter does not mean you have been exposed to COVID19.

The intent of this letter is to share information with the school community and advise you on next steps being taken by Island Health.

HOW IS COVID-19 SPREAD?

This virus is spread between people by droplets. This means you need to be close enough to be exposed to saliva or mucus from the mouth, nose or throat of the infected person.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Phone calls have been made to staff and students that Island Health has identified as needing to self isolate for 14 days from when they were exposed.
- Letters have been sent out to staff and students who will be asked to self-monitor for symptoms. These staff/students may continue to attend school while monitoring for symptoms.
- If you did not receive a phone call or letter continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms compatible to COVID-19 as per your school policies.

- For privacy reasons, we cannot give out any specific details on the COVID-19 exposure other than the information provided above

Sincerely,

Huy ch q' u (Thank you),

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Shannon Waters, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
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Greg Smyth
Superintendent of Schools

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