



Oct 8th, 2020

RE: COVID-19 EXPOSURE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

This letter is a follow up to the October 4th correspondence alerting you to the positive COVID-19 test for a member of our school community.

We received confirmation yesterday afternoon from Island Health that the period of quarantine/self-isolation has ended for students and staff identified as possible contacts of the individual who tested positive. Island Health also confirms no additional cases were identified during the period of quarantine/self-isolation and there has been no transmission of COVID-19 in our school.

We would also like to correct the rumours and misinformation posted on social media and to be clear this was an isolated, individual case that was dealt with by the individual, Island Health and SD70 exactly as it should have been. The choice of the individual not to come to school upon onset of symptoms, the follow through with COVID-19 testing, and the immediate response of Island Health and SD70 upon receipt of the positive test result happened exactly as was set out in the BC Centre for Disease Control's protocols.

While we recognize and respect the deep levels of concern and fear associated with COVID-19 and schools, we continue to work diligently to create and maintain a safe environment in our school. We are confident in the systems and protocols that have been put in place to minimize the impact of COVID-19 should a member of our school community come in contact with the virus, and trust that members of our school community will continue to be diligent and committed to proper personal health and safety practices.

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Superintendent of Schools

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