

Notice of a COVID-19 Outbreak at School

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Dear Families,

KFL&A Public Health identified additional positive cases of COVID-19 in two students at Southview Public School today, December 14, 2021. Affected students and staff in these class cohorts are now self-isolating as directed by Public Health.

Following the identification of these additional positive cases KFL&A Public Health has now declared an outbreak at Southview Public School. This outbreak status will not affect learning as the school has already pivoted to remote, virtual learning.

As per provincial Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education guidance, an outbreak is declared in a school once it has been determined that two individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 with an epidemiological link (meaning these students/staff could have become infected with COVID-19 at school, either from each other or a common source), within a 14-day period. This could include transportation. Affected cohorts receive separate letters where required.

Families are asked to continue to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and screen all students daily as most cases of COVID-19 are acquired in the home setting. KFL&A Public Health is also asking families to use the both the provincial screener, and the extended screener daily:

covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening AND kflaph.ca/SchoolScreening

For more information go to the KFL&A Public Health website at kflaph.ca, where you will find fact sheets, and information on COVID-19 symptoms and screening, self-monitoring, self-isolation, and testing. On the website you can also find the COVID-19 dashboard which provides up to date information on COVID-19 in KFL&A.

We continue to appreciate everyone's ongoing patience and understanding as we draw near to the December break.

Sincerely,

KFL&A Public Health