

February 14, 2021

Dear Norwood District PS Staff, Parents and Guardians,

As always, the well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. With that in mind, we were informed today by Peterborough Public Health (PPH) of one confirmed case of COVID-19 at our school. This individual will remain at home until the Health Unit advises they may return to school. The identity of this individual is protected by privacy legislation and cannot be shared. The intent of this notice is to inform our school community of the current situation. You are not required to take any further action unless you hear from us in a separate notification or you hear directly from Peterborough Public Health.

We are working closely with Peterborough Public Health to identify anyone at the school who may have been exposed to the individuals while they were infectious. **On behalf of Peterborough Public Health, we will be notifying all identified high-risk contacts with a separate notice to advise them of next steps.**

We appreciate that this news may be concerning for our students, staff and parents, and we want to assure everyone that we continue to work closely with Peterborough Public Health to respond to this issue.

In addition to our daily pandemic cleaning protocols, which include increased cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces, and thorough cleanings in the evenings, KPR schools are regularly disinfected on a rotating basis with an electro-static sprayer. The Clorox Total 360 System is approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19; it kills cold and flu viruses, MRSA and norovirus in two minutes or less, kills 99.9% of bacteria in five seconds and can even sanitize soft surfaces. It has been used effectively in schools and other education settings for several years.

Our school will be disinfected by the electro-static sprayer this weekend.

To protect yourselves, your children and the community, the health unit recommends that you stay home if you are sick; complete daily self-screening; continue to physically distance from others as much as possible; wear a mask when indoors, on a bus, or when you cannot maintain a two metre distance outside; clean hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer; cough and sneeze into your sleeve; avoid touching your face; avoiding sharing personal items with others; and avoid close contact with anyone who is ill. For more information regarding COVID-19 visit <https://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca>

We will continue to follow all health recommendations, including thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all areas; frequent and proper handwashing by everyone in the building; wearing masks; maintaining physical distancing to the fullest extent possible, and following any other steps directed by the health unit. If you would like further information on the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board's COVID-19 protocols, please visit <http://kprschools.ca/en/COVID-19.html>

We will continue to let families know of any further developments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Brooke Ostapek
Principal