

Family Letter

January 17, 2022

Dear ASD-S Families,

Due to the significant rise in COVID-19 cases in the province, Public Health will no longer be able to inform our schools of new cases, conduct contact tracing, or provide notification letters for close contacts. As a result, we are changing the way we communicate positive COVID-19 cases to our school communities.

Beginning when schools resume in-person learning, or effective immediately for those students who are currently attending in-person due to specific needs or concerns, please follow these steps if your child tests positive with a PCR or POCT (rapid test):

1. Have your child [Isolate](#) immediately.
2. [Notify](#) your **school principal** and all close contacts.
3. [Report](#) your positive test to Public Health (if POCT rapid test was used).

The District will post all school notifications daily to a new [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) on the ASD-S website. The dashboard will be updated at 5pm daily, and weekend cases will be added to Monday's totals. On this site, you will also find important Public Health information on testing positive, reporting, and isolating.

Please note, families will no longer receive notification of school cases directly through School Messenger, social media, emails, or otherwise. Instead, families are able to check the ASD-S COVID-19 Dashboard for daily updates of cases in schools.

A general Public Health notification letter is attached in the case that your child's school reports a positive COVID-19 case. This letter outlines information to follow when a positive case is reported in a school and can also be found on our COVID-19 Dashboard.

We thank you for your continued cooperation and support. We understand that evolving information and protocols can be confusing and stressful. If you have any questions we encourage you to contact your child's teacher, principal, or reach out to the District at asdsinfo@nbed.nb.ca

Sincerely,

Zoë Watson,
Superintendent