



May 24TH, 2021

SUBJECT: TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AT PRIESTMAN STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Staff/Students/Families:

This letter is to inform you that there are two confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Priestman Street Elementary School. In order to allow for contact tracing to occur and for deep cleaning of the school, **students and staff as well as their household members are being asked to self-isolate until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday May 27th**. Students will not be permitted to attend any childcare facility during the self-isolation period.

Public Health requires students and school personnel to do the following:

- **Stay home from school and self-isolate in your home.** As much as possible, you will need to keep two (2) metres from other people while you isolate. **The end of your isolation period is May 27th at 11:59 p.m.** unless otherwise directed by Public Health.
- If possible, avoid taking any medication that could hide symptoms or a fever, such as ibuprofen (i.e. Advil) or acetaminophen (i.e. Tylenol).

Household Instructions:

- **The entire household needs to self-isolate until 11:59 p.m. Thursday, May 27th.**
- If anyone in the household develops **one or more symptoms, such as:** fever (temperature greater than 38 degrees Celsius), a new cough, worsening chronic cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, headache, feeling tired, muscle pain, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, or children developing purple marks on their fingers and toes between now and May 27th, 2021 you should **Fill out the online Self-Assessment**

Students and staff are also **strongly encouraged to get tested** by registering on-line on the [Government of New Brunswick's Coronavirus page](#). Students and staff should identify as *Teachers and School personnel* when they get to the question: "Are you a member of one of the following groups?" Please identify the school name as Priestman Street Elementary School. This will give you priority testing.



Close contacts will be contacted and receive additional directions from Public Health.

This communication may come to you directly from Public Health or may be communicated to you through the school.

Public Health will continue their risk assessment based on testing results and determine next steps for the school. The school will connect with you again when there is more information to share.

LEARNING: Tuesday, May 25th will be an operational day. There will be no learning. Teachers will connect with families to share the plan for distance learning on Wednesday, May 26th. This will be done electronically or by telephone. There will be several days this week where learning will need to occur from home.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit our Public Health website: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). You can alternatively call the Public Health Agency of Canada phone line at 1-833-784-4397.

Sincerely,



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